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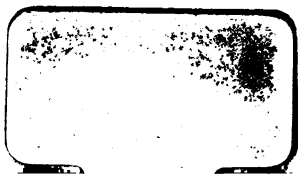
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FIRST WEEK.

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FIRST WEEK.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU holy and eternal God—the God of all grace and mercy—look upon us this morning, we beseech Thee, in the Son of Thy love; and behold, O God our Shield, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed, for we are in ourselves sinful and unworthy, and there is no health in us. O God, grant that we may be found this day praying in the Holy Ghost, and the Spirit helping our infirmities, teaching us how to pray and what to pray for. Blessed Lord, Thou hast

said, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Enable us to worship Thee, O Lord, this day in spirit and in truth in the great congregation, and to praise Thee among much people; and Thou hast graciously promised "that where two or three are met together in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them." Be Thou, O Lord, in the midst of us and all the assemblies of Thy saints, this day, and cause it to be a time of refreshing to us and to many from Thy presence.

Blessed Jesus, cause the power of Thy resurrection to be manifested in our souls, and give power divine to Thy word wherever it is this day faithfully preached, that Thine own people may be comforted and established in the truth, and many hearts be turned from darkness to light, and from the power of sin and Satan unto God.

O that Thine elect may be gathered into Thy fold from all places, whither

they have been scattered in the dark and cloudy day.

O Lord, comfort all the mourners in Zion, and be very gracious unto Thine afflicted ones. Say unto them, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God."

Blessed Lord, enable us to experience Thy gospel this day to be the power of God unto our salvation, and Thyself precious to our souls.

O that we may feel our sins subdued by Thy grace, and our guilt pardoned and washed away in Thy precious blood. Deliver us, O Lord, from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God; and grant us to see the King in His beauty, and to behold the land that is very far off.

O Lord, be with all Thy faithful ministers, and enable them to testify of "Him who was made sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Extend Thy gospel, O Lord, according to Thy promise,

from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth : O that there may be added to Thy Church this day such as should be saved ; and cause many of Thy people to realize and take comfort in that scripture, “ As oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till He come.” O Lord, hear us ; pardon our manifold sins and infirmities ; and give us answers of peace ; and we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus’ sake.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD of all grace and mercy, the hope and salvation of Thy people unto the ends of the earth, blessed be Thy name that Thou hast not left us destitute, but hast this day shown us Thy mercy and Thy truth. Cause us evermore to receive Thy word in our hearts, not only with approbation, but with power and in the Holy Ghost. O Lord, own and bless Thy gospel wherever it has been preached this day ; and do Thou, O gracious Saviour, visit Thy Church in this our day, and fulfil Thine own gracious declaration, "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

Enable us to realize that blessed assurance of Thy word, "Those that be planted

in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God."

Blessed Lord, do Thou feed our souls continually with that bread which came down from heaven, that we may eat and live for ever; for Thou hast said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

O that our witness may be in heaven, and our record on high.

May we be found, day by day, in our lives and conversation, witnessing for the truth as the truth is in Jesus, and showing forth Thy praises, O Lord, who hath called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light; and Thou hast declared concerning Thy Church, "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise." O do Thou build up Zion and enlarge the borders of Thy kingdom; hasten that blessed time, when "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue con-

fess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Blessed Lord, regard the prayers of Thy destitute ones and despise not their prayer, and do Thou cause "Thine elect to cry day and night unto Thee, and to give Thee no rest until Thou establish and make Thy Church a praise on the earth." O Lord, hear now the groanings of the prisoners, and loose those that are appointed unto death.

Enable us, as prisoners of hope, to turn to the stronghold, even Thyself, blessed Jesus ; and to anticipate with delight that time when death shall be swallowed up in victory, and we shall ever be with Thee, O Lord.

O that we may be found amongst the "saved, and called with an holy calling," and that according to Thine own purpose and grace, which was given us in Thyself, blessed Lord, before the foundation of the world. O God, look upon us in Jesus, in whom alone Thou art well

pleased, and take possession of our hearts and seal them for Thy courts above.

Pardon, good Lord, all our sins of this day, even all that Thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss in us, for in many things we offend all; O do Thou wash them all away in Jesus' blood. And we ask all in Jesus and for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

M O N D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

WE beseech Thee, O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, to accept our feeble praise and thanksgiving, for permitting us again to assemble before Thy throne of grace; and to acknowledge, with grateful hearts, Thy continued care and preservation of us, Thy sinful and unworthy creatures. O that our souls and all that is within us may bless Thy holy name, and praise Thee from day to day, for all Thy benefits towards us; for Thou, O Lord, hast redeemed our lives from destruction, and hast crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Enable us, blessed Lord, to live near to Thee through this day; and day by day so to hear Thy voice, that we may follow Thee as our only guide; for Thou hast

graciously promised to instruct, and teach Thy people in the way that they should go ; and that Thine eye should be ever upon them. O Lord, do Thou guide us, Thy poor and erring creatures, with Thy counsel all our life long, and afterwards receive us to glory. Be with and bless us, O Lord, in our going out and coming in this day ; be Thou our sun, to enlighten us ; and our shield, to defend us.

Dispel all darkness from our souls, and protect us, good Lord, in all our times of conflict and temptation. O keep us in perfect peace, and may our minds be stayed on Thee, and enable us to trust in thee ; for Thou, O Lord, art our refuge and strength, and a very present help in times of trouble. We desire grace ever to walk humbly before Thee in all godliness and honesty ; and as using this world, but not abusing it ; ever bearing in mind that the fashion of this world passeth away, and that here we have no continuing city.

Strengthen and refresh our souls by

Thy presence, and give us, gracious Lord, tokens for good this day; keep us from all presumptuous sins, and let no wickedness have dominion over us.

Breathe upon us Thy Spirit, and do Thou, blessed Lord, take possession of our hearts. O that we may be found complete in Thee, and know Thee as the Lord our righteousness.

O Lord, pardon, we beseech Thee, all our sins and infirmities, for Jesus' sake; and graciously grant that our whole spirit, soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and do Thou, O God, who art able to keep us from falling, hear our prayer, and grant our petitions; for we ask all in the precious and all-prevailing name of Jesus. AMEN.

MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, look down upon us at this time, we beseech Thee, and bless us, in our Lord Jesus Christ, and give us free access to Thy mercy-seat.

O for the full assurance of faith, that we may now draw near to Thee with a true heart, and enable us to enjoy a sweet sense of union and communion with Thee, our risen and exalted Saviour. Gracious Lord, do Thou manifest Thyself to each of us, and refresh us with new discoveries of Thy love and grace to our souls. Enable us, amidst all our varied discouragements and manifold temptations, to feel and know, for our comfort, that we have really been born again, and "made willing in the day of Thy power."

Do Thou give us the blessed testimony of Thy Spirit in our hearts, that we are accepted in Jesus, and have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of Thy grace.

Blessed Lord, sanctify to our souls all Thy dealings with us, and bless all our afflictions and temptations to us. O grant that they may all be found to work together for our good, according as Thou hast promised to those who love Thee, and who are the “called,” according to Thy purpose. Dispose our hearts, gracious Lord, to works of love and mercy towards all; but especially to the poor and distressed of Thy people. May we be found, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, putting on bowels of mercies, kindness, and humbleness of mind, with all meekness and long-suffering, ever forbearing and forgiving one another. Be gracious, O Lord, we entreat Thee, unto all Thy people, especially to those who are in any trouble or affliction, whether

in soul or body ; O do Thou sanctify the visitation to them, and, in Thine own good time and way, bring them out of it. O Lord, enable them to say in blessed experience, "Thou hast delivered my soul," and "hast loosed my bonds."

Blessed Lord, give us a sweet sense of pardon of all our sins of this day, and of acceptance with Thee, O God, through the atoning blood and righteousness of Christ Jesus.

O Lord, be with, and bless us, through this night ; defend and guard us, with all who are near and dear to us, both in the ties of nature and of grace, from all evil. Cause us to dwell by Thee, O our heavenly Father, in quietude and peace, lying down this night, and sleeping securely, none making us afraid. O Lord, say unto our souls, "I am thy salvation ;" and grant our prayer in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, we Thy unworthy creatures, desire this morning to praise Thy name for Thy goodness and mercy towards us ; we have laid us down and slept during the past night, and have awoke this morning, for Thou hast sustained us ; O how great is Thy goodness towards us, and Thy mercy endureth continually.

And what are we, O Lord, that Thou art mindful of us, or any son of man, that Thou visitest him ? but Thou art gracious and full of compassion, and wilt ever be mindful of Thy covenant ; for Thou hast sent redemption unto Thy people, by the precious blood of Jesus, even the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of Thy grace. Blessed Lord, cause Thy gracious presence to go with us, as the

pillar of cloud by day, to guide us this day in the way that we should go.

O leave us not to ourselves, or we are sure to fall; but uphold us in all our goings, that our footsteps slip not, and show us, gracious Lord, the path of life.

Let not any iniquity have dominion over us, and cleanse Thou us from secret faults.

May we ever consider, O God, that our iniquities are before Thee, and our secret sins are in the light of Thy countenance.

Do Thou give us grace so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Cause us ever to feel that wisdom is better than gold, and understanding than silver. O that it may be our happiness to know that in Thee, blessed Jesus, alone are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Keep us lowly in our own eyes, and enable us to learn of Thee, gracious Saviour, the meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our

souls. May some portion of Thy blessed Word come home with power divine to our souls this day ; cause it ever to be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. O that its wisdom may indeed enter into our hearts, and its knowledge be precious to our souls. O that it may be the engrafted word to the salvation of our souls.

Blessed Lord, be gracious unto Thy poor and needy ones ; dispose the hearts of those who have, to give to those who have not, and all for Christ's sake.

O give us neither poverty nor riches, but feed us with food convenient for us ; and grant that we may ever live in a spirit of entire dependence upon Thee, who giveth life, and breath, and all things, and who alone hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of our habitations.

Blessed Jesus, be Thou our treasure, and enable us to realize heaven as our desired inheritance ; and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

SALVATION belongeth unto Thee, O Lord, and Thy blessing Thou hast promised unto Thy people. May it be the earnest desire of our souls to know Thee, blessed Lord, and to live near to Thee, whom to know is life eternal, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. O Lord, give unto us the Holy Ghost, the promised Comforter of Thy Church and people, that He may guide us into all truth and show us things to come. O that the Holy Ghost may ever be our teacher, teaching us all things and bringing all things to our remembrance whatsoever Thou, blessed Jesus, hast spoken, so that we may believe the Scriptures and experience Thy gospel to be the power of God unto our salvation. Enable us, O God, to

make a good confession of Jesus Christ before all in this our day and generation, as those who are sanctified and preserved in Christ Jesus and called; and to bear our testimony for the truth, as the truth is in Jesus. Blessed Lord, give us grace that we may not fear the reproach of men or regard their revilings; but be comforted in that sweet assurance, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye;" and if called to suffer according to Thy will, O God, enable us to commit the keeping of our souls to Thee in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator. Blessed Lord, be pleased to sanctify to our souls all our varied trials and temptations, sorrows and sicknesses, and enable us ever to feel that they are sent in love and mercy; and that Thou, gracious Lord, knowest all about us, and wilt give in Thine own good time the needed succour and deliverance.

Cause us ever to feel comfort in the thought, "Thou God seest us;" and may we feel our interest in that blessed pro-

mise to Thy people, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

O Lord, ever keep us from an evil heart of unbelief in departing from Thee, the living God, but give us grace to hold fast our confidence steadfast unto the end, as partakers of Christ. O that we may be enabled "to come boldly unto Thy throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in time of need."

Be with and bless us, O Lord, this night, with all who are near and dear to us. Enable us to commune with our own hearts upon our beds, and be still.

Cause us to lie down and sleep in safety, committing ourselves and all that concerns us to Thy care and keeping; for Thou alone, blessed Lord, canst preserve us; and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

WHEREWITH shall we come before Thee, O Lord, and bow ourselves before Thy presence, O Thou Most High?

We have nothing to offer, O Lord, but what is Thine own; nothing to plead in ourselves but Thy mercy; for we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as nothing before Thee. O Thou ever blessed Spirit, do Thou so convince us of sin, that each of us now before Thee may be led to cry from the heart, “God be merciful to me a sinner;” and may we be enabled to submit ourselves to Thy righteousness, and to Thine only; for in us there dwelleth no good thing; “we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have taken us away;” but do Thou, O gra-

cious Saviour, cause us to realize Thy blood and righteousness as taking away all our iniquities; and do Thou ever be our wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption. May it be our happiness, day by day, to feel "that to me to live is Christ," and "to die is gain." May it ever be the desire of our souls to be like Thee, blessed Jesus, and made partakers of the divine nature.

Enable us to rejoice in the exceeding great and precious promises which Thou hast given unto Thy people in Thy blessed Word.

Do Thou, O Lord, keep us through this day from all that is evil, and give us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.

O that grace and peace may be multiplied unto us, through the knowledge of Thee, our God, and of Jesus our Lord. Bless the reading and meditation of Thy holy Word to our souls this day.

May it be our guide, our solace, and our companion all our life long. O Lord,

graciously grant that “the day may dawn,” and the “day-star” arise in many hearts this day; and cause us to realize, blessed Lord, for our present comfort, Thy gracious assurance, “All that the Father giveth Thee shall come to Thee, and him that cometh to Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out;” and that great shall be the peace of Thy children.

O Lord, do as Thou hast said, “Keep us all in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee;” and enable us to trust in Thee, for in Thee alone, the Rock of Ages, is everlasting strength.

Blessed Lord, give us grace to endure the temptations and afflictions of the day, and to be reconciled to all Thy dealings with us. O God, command our strength, and strengthen that which Thou hast wrought in us. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ’s sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O God of all grace and goodness, we poor and sinful creatures, desire to approach Thee this night in the name of Him who is our alone Advocate on high, even Jesus Christ the righteous. We wait for Thy salvation, O Lord, and do Thou be gracious to us. Give us a heart to know Thee, and renew a right spirit within us. Enable us to put on the new man, which Thou, O God, hast created in righteousness and true holiness, ever considering that Thy people are Thy workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and before ordained to walk in them. O for grace daily to live above the world and its vanities, as those who are born from above, and have been made alive unto Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enable us to live in the world as not being of it; but the life which we now live in the flesh, O grant that it may be by the faith of the Son of God, who hath loved us, and given Himself for us. O Holy Ghost, take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, that our eyes may indeed see the King in His beauty, and behold the land that is very far off, even the heavenly Jerusalem, where the inhabitants shall not say, "I am sick," and the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

Blessed Lord, comfort and support us in all trying seasons, and in times of temptation enable us to feel for our encouragement, that it is the right way to the city of habitation.

O that we may never despise Thy corrections, O Lord, nor faint when we are rebuked of Thee, for whom Thou lovest Thou correctest, and scourgest every son whom Thou receivest. Blessed Lord, may we ever feel that in Thy favour is life; and though weeping may endure for

the night, joy shall come in the morning. And "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Give us a spirit of resignation to Thy will concerning us in all things, and give us thankful hearts for Thy mercies towards us, and Thy continued preservation of us, both in body and soul.

O how great is thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, and which Thou hast wrought for them that put their trust in Thee before the sons of men. Gracious Lord, give us, a company of poor and needy sinners, a sweet sense of pardon of all our sins this night, and of acceptance with Thee through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Cause us to lie down and sleep in peace and safety, none making us afraid.

Hear us, O Lord our God, and in Thy faithfulness answer us, for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

THURSDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

MOST gracious and most merciful God, we desire to approach Thee this morning with praise and thanksgiving for Thy mercies towards us during the past night, and for permitting us to see the light of another day. O for more grateful hearts, and the continual sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to Thy name.

We would ever bear in mind Thine own blessed assurance, "Whoso offereth Me praise glorifieth Me, and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." Blessed Lord, order all our steps in Thy Word this day, and let no wickedness have dominion over us, for it is graciously promised "that sin shall not have do-

minion over Thy people, who are not under the law, but under grace.

O Lord, enable us by Thy grace to feel sin to be more and more a burden to us, and a hateful thing in us, that we may loathe ourselves on account of sin, and be led to flee for refuge to Thee, blessed Jesus, who alone art righteous. O Lord, enable us to feel, for our comfort, that while Satan is our accuser, Jesus is our Advocate. And we plead the blessed assurance of Thy Word, "That if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins."

O Lord, cause many poor sinners this day to feel the burden of their sins, and to know the plague of their own hearts, and put the cry into their souls for mercy and deliverance, through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

O Lord, open the eyes of some whom we have much on our hearts to bring before Thee. O cause them to believe in Jesus, to the salvation of their souls, and

find Him to be a Saviour indeed, and a great one, even one "mighty to save." And we Thy unworthy servants desire to bless Thee, that Thou hast promised that Thy sheep shall never perish; neither shall any pluck them out of Thine hand.

Draw us, O Lord, this day, with bands of love, and manifest Thyself unto us, as Thou dost not unto the world. Take us, O Lord, under thy special and watchful care this day, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redeemer. Direct our hearts into Thy love, O God, and the patient waiting for Christ, that when Thou, blessed Jesus, shalt appear, we may be like Thee, and see Thee as Thou art; and we ask these mercies, O Lord, in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

THURSDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O God, our heavenly Father, Lord of heaven and earth, let Thy presence be with us at this time, we beseech Thee, and hear our prayer, which we offer in the name of Jesus ; and do Thou give us answers of peace. May we be found amongst those who know Thy name, and put their trust in thee. Blessed Lord, set up Thy throne in our hearts, and reign supremely there.

O that we may crown Thee Lord of all, and God over all, blessed for evermore. Enable us by faith to look for the promised new heavens and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness ; and for Thy glorious appearing, O God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O that we may be interested in that

blessed covenant of grace, which is ordered in all things, and sure; and feel it to be all our salvation and all our desire. Blessed Lord, do as Thou hast promised; put Thy laws in our minds, and write them in our hearts; and be Thou to us a God, and may we be to Thee a people, even a people whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered, and whom Thou, blessed Jesus, hast purchased with Thine own blood.

Preserve us, good Lord, from the power of sin and unbelief, and deliver us from the fiery darts of the wicked one, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Pardon, O merciful God, all our sins of this day, even all that Thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss in us, for Jesus Christ's sake; for we feel and acknowledge that in many things we offend all; and there is no health in us. O gracious God, if a "needs be" should arise, may we have grace to rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer shame

and reproach, for the name of Jesus ; and though despised by the world, may we not be discouraged, but be led to consider Him who was despised and rejected of men ; the man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

O give us to know, and feel assured that our Redeemer is come, and His own arm has brought salvation to our souls.

O Lord, be very gracious unto all Thy tried and suffering people. Give them free access to Thy mercy-seat ; look upon them in love ; hold sweet communion with them ; O give them the needed help and deliverance, and bless the affliction to their souls. Remember, O Lord, for good, all who are near and dear to us, and all who desire an interest in our prayers.

Be with and bless us through this night ; protect us from all evil, both in body and soul ; and we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O most gracious God and Saviour, arise, we beseech Thee, this morning as the Sun of righteousness in our souls with healing in Thy wings; even as Thou hast promised to those who fear Thee and think upon Thy name. O that the dayspring from on high may visit our souls, through Thy tender mercy, to guide our feet into the way of peace; and do Thou, blessed Lord, give light this day to many that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. O Lord, we come before Thee as strangers and pilgrims on the earth; having here no continuing city, but are seeking one to come; even a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

O that our lives and conversation may be such as becometh the gospel of Christ;

and enable us to abound this day in every good work ; and do Thou, O God, ever work in us that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Enable us to add to our faith every heavenly and Christian grace, that they may abound in each of us ; that we may neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. O for grace to know that we are of the truth, and that our hearts are right in Thy sight, O Lord. We desire grace to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure ; and grant that our love may not be in word only, but in deed and in truth. O Lord, suffer us not to deceive ourselves ; but grant us the witness of the Spirit that we are thine. O keep us through this day from going astray and forsaking the right way ; and when tempted to turn either to the right hand or to the left, cause us to hear the gracious voice behind us saying, " This is the way, walk ye in it ! " Keep us, blessed Lord, from all undue anxiety about the things

of this life ; from being “ careful and troubled about many things,” but rather may we be more concerned about the salvation of our souls. O that we may know Thee, blessed Jesus, as our all and in all ; and as the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that we would desire in comparison with Thee. O that we may feel an interest in that blessed scripture, “ He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon Him ; and by His stripes we are healed.” And do Thou, O Lord, keep us at all times, and direct us in all things through this day ; and may we be ever found “ looking unto Jesus ;” and we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, who art nigh unto all who call upon Thee in sincerity and truth, and hath promised to fulfil the desire of them that fear Thee—in the all-prevailing name of Jesus we come before Thee at this time, and wait upon Thee for Thy loving-kindness, O God; and for fresh tokens for good to our souls.

Enable us to follow Thee, O Lamb of God, who art the light of the world; and Thou hast promised that those who follow Thee shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. O for grace to walk as those who have obtained mercy, and who are alive unto Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed Lord, may the remembrance of our sins ever fill our hearts with godly

sorrow and self-abasement ; and may we be led to look upon Him whom we have pierced, and mourn. Pour down upon us the spirit of grace and of supplication. O that we may never more esteem sin to be a light thing, but be led by the Spirit to feel sin to be exceeding sinful ; and keep us, good Lord, from its power and dominion, for Thou hast promised in Thy blessed Word, that sin shall not have dominion over Thy people.

O Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified us and all the elect people of God, do Thou renew us daily in the spirit of our minds, and enable us to put off the old man, which is corrupt, and to put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. O that we may be found “sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” even sealed unto the day of redemption.

Blessed Lord, who hath obtained eternal redemption for Thy people, do Thou give us who have obtained mercy, all joy and peace in believing ; and cause us to abound

in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

O for grace to live and rejoice in the assurance that our names are written in heaven ; and fill our hearts with love and gratitude for all the great and glorious things that Thou, blessed Redeemer, hast done and suffered for us. Thou hast borne our iniquities, and by Thy stripes we are healed.

Bless us, O Lord, with all whom we have on our hearts this night to bring before Thee. O do Thou remember each and all for good ; especially as regards the eternal welfare of their never-dying souls. O God, grant that we may all be amongst those who are raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And do Thou, O Lord, who art rich in mercy, hear our prayer this night, and grant our petitions, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

WE desire to bless Thee, O God of our life and of all our mercies, for Thy renewed preservation of us, Thy sinful and unworthy creatures, during another night, and for permitting us to meet again this morning, and to kneel before Thee, the Lord our Maker. Do Thou fill our hearts with gratitude and our lips with praise, and enable us to follow on to know Thee, O Lord, whose going forth is prepared as the morning, and cause us to live in Thy sight. Keep us, good Lord, this day, so that we enter not into the paths of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men; but may we be found in the path of the just, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Blessed Lord, give us Thy grace, which

we need every moment to keep us from falling, for in ourselves we are perfect weakness, and our goodness is indeed as a morning cloud, and as the early dew, it goeth away. Preserve us, good Lord, from all covetous and worldly desires, and from the condition of 'those of whom it is said, "All seek their own, and not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Enable us to be found blameless and harmless as the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; among whom, O Lord, enable us to shine as lights in the world, and as disciples of Christ, holding forth the word of life. O for grace to live godly in Christ Jesus, and not to fear the persecution that will follow, for out of all Thou, O Lord, wilt deliver Thy people.

And do Thou, blessed Lord, give us grace and strength to stand fast in Thee, and in that liberty wherewith Christ hath made His people free. Enable us to con-

secrete all we have to Thee, our time, our gifts, our life; for all is of Thee; Thou givest and thou takest away, and blessed be Thy holy name. O that the Spirit itself may bear witness with our spirits that we are Thy children, even the children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus. O Lord, have mercy, we entreat Thee, upon those who are in darkness and the shadow of death. O do Thou, if according to Thy will, remove the blindness from their minds, and take away the veil of sin and ignorance from their hearts; and grant that the Holy Spirit may convince many this day of their sins, and reveal a precious Christ to their souls' present peace and everlasting salvation. And graciously grant that we, and all Thy true Israel, may, with open face, beholding as in a glass Thy glory, O Lord, be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord.

O Lord, keep us by Thy power through

this day from all evil. Command our strength in every time of need, pardon our unworthiness, and graciously grant our petitions in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU eternal and ever-blessed Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, whose name is holy, Thy works are indeed great, and Thy righteousness endureth for ever.

We desire to bless Thee this night for all Thy boundless mercies towards us during the past day, and the week now so nearly closed. Thou hast spared us in life, and hast preserved us in peace and safety to this present hour ; not one good thing hath failed of all that thou, O Lord, in loving-kindness and tender mercy, hast promised us.

O that we may be more sensible of Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth, which have preserved us, and of the preciousness of Jesus, who died for sinners,

and rose again for our justification. O that we may be found amongst those who are justified freely by Thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, and heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Thou knowest, O Lord, how long we have been bound by sin and Satan—dead to Thee, O God, and without power to lift up ourselves; but blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast, through Thy sovereign grace and mercy, loosed our bonds, and saved our souls through Christ for ever. O that each of us may be found cleansed in His blood, and clothed in His righteousness.

Blessed Lord, say unto each of our souls, “I am thy salvation,” and give us grace to take the cup of salvation, as Thy free and unmerited gift in Christ, and ever to call upon Thy name, O Lord our God, whose mercy endureth for ever.

Blessed Lord, who came to seek and

to save that which was lost, do Thou raise up Thy power and come amongst us by Thy Spirit; and grant that a special blessing may attend the preaching of the gospel of Thy grace on the morrow, that souls may be converted and saved, and Thine own people established in the faith of Christ crucified. Gather, O Lord, according to Thy promise, Thy seed from the east and from the west. Say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back, that Thy sons may be brought from far, and Thy daughters from the ends of the earth, even Thine elect from all quarters, “whither they have been scattered in the dark and cloudy day.” O Lord, revive Thy work in our souls, and enable us to rejoice in that blessed assurance of Thy Word, that “there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus,” and that hereafter we shall behold Thy face, O Lord, in righteousness, and be satisfied when we awake in Thy likeness.

O God, be present with us for good this night, and graciously grant our petitions, as far as good for us, and in accordance with Thy will, for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

SECOND WEEK.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O most gracious and most merciful Lord God, we desire to thank Thee for permitting us again to see the morning light, and to behold another of the days of the Son of man ; we beseech Thee to sanctify it, and make it a very precious season to our souls, even a day of joy and peace in believing.

Blessed Jesus, be Thou our rest and our refreshing this day, and give us liberty in prayer and free access to Thy mercy-seat. May the Holy Spirit lift up our hearts in prayer and praise to Thee,

the Lord of the Sabbath, and God of all our mercies.

O Holy Ghost, take of the things of Christ this day, and show them unto us, that we may indeed see the King in His beauty, and prove Him to be precious to our souls.

Blessed Lord, open to us the Scriptures, that they may make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus our Lord; and graciously grant that we may this day, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, have hope, even the hope of everlasting life in Christ Jesus. Cause us to turn aside from all the vanities of earth, and be found seeking Thee, the Lord our God, in Zion.

Be pleased to meet with us and all Thy people whilst waiting upon Thee in Thy courts here below. O that we may see Thy face, and know Thy voice; and do Thou reveal Thyself unto us in the Son of Thy love; and manifest Thyself, blessed Jesus, unto us, as Thou dost not

unto the world. Enable us by faith to behold Thee, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, even of all who believe in Thee to the saving of the soul ; and that we may know Thee as the Lord our righteousness.

Be with and bless all Thy faithful ministers whom Thou, blessed Lord, hast appointed to speak in Thy name this day, and to testify the gospel of Thy grace. O grant that Thy word may have free course and be glorified, that it may come home with power to many hearts, that sinners may be converted and saved, and Thine own people built up and established in the truth, as the truth is in Jesus.

O grant that this day may be indeed to many souls the day of Thy power, and the day of salvation.

O Lord, make Thy chosen people joyful, and may Thy ministers be found faithful, as stewards of the mysteries of God. Comfort all the mourners in Zion, and be very gracious unto Thine afflicted ones ; say unto them, "Fear thou not,

for I am with thee ; be not dismayed,
for I am thy God."

Blessed Lord, grant that we may be
found amongst those who are "taught
of the Lord," and approved in Thy sight,
and interested in that gracious assurance,
"All Thy children shall be taught of the
Lord, and great shall be the peace of Thy
children." And we ask all in Christ,
and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

BLESSED Lord Jesus, who art the eternal life, and salvation of Thy people, we desire to bless Thee for all the mercies which we have experienced during the past day, whether in Thy house of prayer or in our private retirements at home. We bless Thee for the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby Thy people are sealed unto the day of redemption. We thank Thee, O Lord, for this day's mercies, for the faithful ministry of Thy word, for all the means of grace which we have enjoyed, and for the blessed hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord, grant that the gospel may have been blessed to us, and to many, this day, even in de-

monstration of the Spirit, and in power, that we may experience in our hearts the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. And Thou hast promised that Thy word shall not return unto Thee void, but shall accomplish all Thy pleasure, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou hast sent it.

Blessed Lord, gather in many of Thine outcasts through the preaching of the everlasting gospel, besides those that are gathered unto Thee. O that many poor souls may have been made joyful this day, through the power of Thy word, and the blessed influence of Thy Spirit; and that henceforth they may go out with joy, and be led forth with peace. Enable us, blessed Lord, to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, ever considering that Thou art faithful who hast promised.

Revive Thy work, O Lord, in this our day, both in the churches and in each member of Thy redeemed family. O that we may experience in our hearts all joy

and peace in believing, and abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. We desire, as poor, sinful, and dependent creatures, more grace to sustain us for the time to come ; and Thou hast promised to give more grace ; and whilst Thou dost resist the proud, Thou givest grace unto the humble. O for grace, to be clothed with humility, and be found poor in spirit, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom. O Thou blessed and eternal Spirit, seal our souls unto the day of redemption, and cause us to feel and know that henceforth there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which Thou, O Lord, the righteous judge, shall give us at that day, and all who love Thine appearing. Enable us, by the Spirit in our hearts, to cry, “Abba, Father.” And may the Spirit itself bear witness with our spirits that we are Thy children. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ’s sake. AMEN.

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MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O MOST gracious God and heavenly Father, who art the maker and disposer of all things, whose eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good; we, Thy sinful and unworthy creatures, are but as yesterday, and our days upon earth as a shadow; but Thou, O God, art from everlasting, and Thy years endure throughout all generations.

O teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, even that wisdom which is from above, which is pure and peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits. Enter not, we beseech Thee, O Lord, into judgment with us, for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified, for we are by nature, O Lord, we confess,

sinners laden with iniquity ; from the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness, no health in us.

Look upon us, O God, we entreat Thee, only in our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath borne our sins and by whose stripes alone we are healed. Blessed Lord, give us faith to rest our all upon Jesus and His finished work for life and salvation.

Preserve us, O heavenly Father, in all our journeyings this day, both going out and coming in. Do Thou go before us, blessed Jesus, and Thou, O God of Israel, be our rereward. We would desire to commit ourselves this day, and all that concerns us, into Thy almighty hand for time and for eternity ; and we bless Thee for that gracious promise, “ That as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so is the Lord round about His people, from henceforth and for ever.”

O grant that it may be the experience of our souls, “ that Thou, the eternal God, art our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” Keep us, good

Lord, more and more from the spirit and love of the world, and cause us ever to remember that it is written, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed." Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths this day, and ever keep the door of our lips. Give us at all times a watchful and a prayerful spirit, that we enter not into temptation. O for grace so to live and so to walk, as "the redeemed of the Lord," doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with Thee our God. Enable us in heart and affection to be deadened to the vanities of time and sense, and by grace to live not to ourselves, or for ourselves; but to Him, and for Him, who died for us and rose again. Blessed Lord, take possession of our hearts and seal them for Thy courts above. Even so, O Lord, grant it for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU, the high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, we, a company of poor, needy, and sinful creatures, come before Thee at this time in the precious name of Jesus ; and Thou hast graciously declared, “ I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

Blessed Lord, give us humble spirits and contrite hearts, and cause us ever to feel our poverty and need, and that Thou only can supply out of Thy fulness according to the riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

O for grace to look only unto Thee, blessed Lord, who didst humble Thyself

and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and didst become the author of eternal salvation unto all believers.

O Lord, enable us to cast all our cares and anxieties upon Thee, even all our sins and sorrows, trials and temptations, for Thou carest for us; and Thou hast graciously said to Thy people, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." O Lord, lift us out of ourselves and up to the fulness of Jesus, and prepare our souls by Thy grace, that we may be fitted for Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore. Cause us ever to know and feel that all our daily mercies, whether in providence or in grace, flow from Thee; that Thou givest us, we gather; Thou openest Thine hand, and we are filled with good. Thou hast indeed again dealt bountifully with us during the past day, and hast loaded us with benefits. Blessed Lord, renew us day by day, and strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in

the inner man ; and in all our afflictions and temptations, enable us to seek Thee early ; and find all our strength in Thee alone ; and when sorrowful as to outward circumstances, may we be found rejoicing in Jesus ; and as poor, yet making many rich ; and as having nothing, yet possessing all things. O for grace to sit loosely to all things here below, and to be temperate in the use of all things.

O Lord, we would acknowledge and bewail our sins and infirmities of this day, as in Thy sight, and do Thou give us true repentance for our sins, even godly sorrow, and blot them all out in the precious blood of Jesus. O Father of mercies, guard and keep us with all who are near and dear to us in peace and safety through the coming night. Suffer no evil to come nigh our dwelling ; neither let the son of wickedness hurt us. Be Thou, O Lord, a shelter for us and a strong tower from the enemy ; and we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU ever-living and everlasting God, the fountain of life and of all blessedness, let Thine eyes be upon us for good this morning; and may Thine ears be open to our prayers. We desire to come before Thee as those who fear Thee, O Lord, and hope in Thy mercy; and whilst we would confess that we are sinners, and that in our poor fallen nature there dwelleth no good thing, do Thou enable us to rejoice in Jesus, the Holy One, the Lamb of God; in whom alone is salvation, and who hath borne our sins and nailed them to His cross.

Blessed Lord, give us a sweet sense of pardon of sin and acceptance with Thee, through the atoning blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ; and enable us to

rend our hearts and not our garments, and to turn unto Thee the Lord our God, who art nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. O Lord, who waiteth to be gracious unto Thy people, do Thou manifest Thyself to us this day in a gracious way; and pour into our souls the oil and wine of Thy love, and bind up our broken hearts. Accept us in Christ, and save us with an everlasting salvation through Him, who died that we might live, and rose again that we might be justified. Keep us, good Lord, from walking according to the course of this world, for Thou hast declared that Thy people are not of this world, even as Thou, gracious Saviour, art not of it.

O give us grace to be found waiting for Thee, and declaring Thy name in Zion and Thy praise in Jerusalem. Instruct and teach us, O Lord, through this day in all the way that we go; and guide us all our life long with Thy counsel, and after-

ward receive us to glory. Enable us, day by day, to watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation; and may we be found dead unto sin, and alive unto Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessed Lord, show us Thy glory as seen in Jesus Christ, and grant us a sweet and soul-cheering view of Thy covenant love and faithfulness towards us.

Bless the reading and meditation of Thy word to our souls this day, and grant that it may ever be the joy and rejoicing of our hearts. And, O Lord, when our faith is weak, and our temptations strong, enable us to find support and comfort in Thy blessed word and precious promises.

Enable us to cast our every burden and all our cares and anxieties upon Thee, O Lord; and may Thy peace be upon us, and mercy, and upon thine Israel, O God. Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee, and Thou hast promised to direct our paths. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

BLESSED Lord, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, do Thou comfort our hearts at this time and stablish us in every good word and work ; and let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. O Lord, thou hast redeemed our lives from destruction and hast crowned us this day with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We desire ever to feel that all our mercies are of Thy grace, and not from anything in ourselves. Unclean, unclean, is all that we can cry ; and do Thou, O God, be merciful unto us, a company of poor sinners.

O Thou, “ who art the hope of Israel

and the Saviour thereof," be Thou evermore our refuge and our portion in the land of the living; and be pleased to give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O grant that the eyes of our understandings may be enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit, so that we may know of a truth, and prove it in our souls, that we are sons and heirs of God, through Jesus Christ; and do Thou, O God, put forth the spirit of Thy Son into our hearts, whereby we may cry, "Abba, Father."

O that we may, day by day, enjoy sweet fellowship with Thee, O Father, and with Thy Son Jesus Christ.

Enable us to show forth Thy praises, O Lord, who hath called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light; which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

O that we may be more and more sensible of the wonders of Thy redeeming

love; and the greatness of that mercy which alone hath made any of us to differ; and may we ever be kept humble in the thought that it is by grace we are saved, through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. Blessed Lord, give us that faith which overcometh the world; so that we may be crucified unto the world, and the world unto us. Enable us ever to remember that it is written, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God, and that whosoever will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God;" but rather may we be found walking with Thee, O God, and anticipating heaven.

O Lord, be with and help us during the coming night, with all who are near and dear to us.

Keep us all in perfect peace, and may it be written on our habitation and on each heart, "Jehovah-Shammah," the Lord is there.

Even so, O Lord, grant it for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU who art our Father, and our Redeemer, whose name is from everlasting, we, Thine unworthy creatures, desire to bless Thee this morning for Thy mercies towards us.

Thou hast spared us to see the light of another day, and great is Thy faithfulness. Thy compassions never fail, and they are indeed new every morning. O Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace in our souls. O that we may be found amongst the living to praise Thee, for Thy providential care over us, for food and raiment, and all other good things of this life; and especially we would bless Thee for Thy distinguishing grace and love to us, and to all believers in the

Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast delivered us from the pit of corruption, and hast cast all our sins behind Thy back. O Lord, give us earnest and longing desires after the Sun of righteousness, that He may arise with healing in His wings, according as thou hast promised to those who fear Thy name. O for grace to feel sin a burden and Christ precious to our souls, even Christ in us the hope of glory; and be enabled, by blessed experience in our souls, to prove its truth and power, so that we may go on our way rejoicing.

Blessed Lord, keep us near to Thyself through this day, in a prayerful and watching spirit, and give us understanding in all things.

Enable us to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on Thy right hand, O God; and in all the affairs of this life give us grace to let our moderation be known unto all men; and ever considering that this is not our rest, may we never be seeking great things for ourselves, or be left to follow those who

walk in a vain show, disquieting themselves in vain, heaping up riches, and knowing not who shall gather them; but rather may we, through grace, be glorying only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be sitting loosely to all earthly things, ever bearing in mind that it is written, "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Feed us with Thine own precious word, and guide us continually with Thy counsel.

Enable us to be examples to others, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in all purity, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Blessed Lord, give us grace to take heed to Thine own gracious declaration, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." O that we may no longer be faithless but believing; for Thou, O Lord, art faithful who hast promised. And we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

WE desire, most merciful and gracious God, to thank Thee, and to praise Thy name for the manifold and undeserved mercies of another day, and to acknowledge that hitherto Thou, O Lord, hast helped us. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to regard us with Thy special favour as a household, unworthy as we are, and may Thy blessing ever rest upon us.

Enable us, as those who are of the household of faith, now and ever to celebrate, O heavenly Father, Thy goodness and faithfulness towards us; and because Thou hast been our help, therefore under the shadow of Thy wings enable us to rejoice, even in Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy. Teach us, good Lord, ever to consider that it is written,

“ Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth he live.” O Lord, give us grace to eat of that true bread from heaven, that we may eat and live for ever, even Thyself, blessed Jesus, who art the bread of life, and the living bread. O Lord, evermore give us this bread, that we may eat and live for ever. And thou hast graciously said, “ He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

O Lord, cause us ever to be sitting at Thy feet, hearing Thy words, and waiting for a sweet manifestation of Thy presence and love to our souls.

Enable us to feel for our comfort under every condition in which we may be placed, whether of joy or sorrow, prosperity or adversity, that Thou God reignest; that Thou, O God, seest us, and art acquainted with all our ways. And, O Lord, when at any time our faith

is sharply tried, and we are brought into heaviness through manifold temptations, grant that we may not be discouraged, but be enabled to trust in Thee, who hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee;" and enable us to wait for Thy promise, "that our redemption draweth nigh." O Lord, give power to the faint amongst us, and to those who have no might do Thou give strength; and enable us to be looking for that blessed hope and Thy glorious appearing, O God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And do Thou enable us to realize in our souls that blessed assurance of Thy word, "The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom ruleth over all."

O Lord, we come to Thy throne of grace this night for the pardon of all our sins of this day, and acceptance with Thee, through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. And into Thy hands, O our heavenly Father, we would

now commend ourselves for the night.
O do Thou preserve us from every evil,
and fill our souls with Jesus. And we
ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

T H U R S D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

O God, our heavenly Father, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, in Thee we live and move and have our being.

It is through Thy mercy and goodness that we are permitted to see the light of another day, and to assemble again before Thy presence. Enable us this morning to direct our prayer unto Thee, O Lord, and to look up. O do Thou give us the spirit of prayer, and leave not our souls destitute; but quicken us according to Thy word, and be pleased to fulfil Thine own gracious declaration in us, that before Thy people call Thou wilt answer, and whilst they are yet speaking Thou wilt hear.

O for grace to believe the record Thou

hast given of Thy dear Son, in whom Thou hast given eternal life to all who believe in Him.

And Thou, blessed Lord, hast declared it to be "life eternal" to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. Enable us, O Lord, this day to commit all our affairs, both for time and eternity, to Thee, who art never unmindful of us, though we are prone to wander afar off from Thee, and to stray like lost sheep.

Preserve us, good Lord, from all that is evil during the day, from pride of heart and from a worldly spirit, and from an evil heart of unbelief. Keep us, O Lord, from the fear of man, which bringeth a snare; and from everything that may turn us aside from running the race set before us.

O for grace to be ever looking unto Thee, blessed Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Blessed Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of the Holy

Ghost, and cause us ever to remember that Thy people are called to be separate from the world, to be a holy and peculiar people, a people near to Thyself and who dwell alone, as those who are redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus. Enable us daily to show forth Thy praises, O Lord, who hath called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light; and so to walk as children of light, bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit, which is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth.

O for more decision for Thee, O God, and enable us, blessed Lord, to bear in mind Thine own declaration, "He that is not with me is against me." O for grace to know that we are of Thee, O God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. O holy Father, who knoweth what is best for us, let Thy wisdom choose, and may Thy love bestow the grace and mercy which we may this day need; and as poor dependent creatures, we ask all in Him, who is able to keep us from falling, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

THURSDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O most gracious God, the preserver of all men, specially of those who believe in Jesus Christ, do Thou give us grateful hearts for all our mercies, both in providence and grace, during the past day.

Thou hast preserved us from evil and delivered us from dangers; Thou hast spared us in life and health.

O how excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore enable us and all Thy children ever to put our trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

O grant that we may be found new creatures in Christ Jesus, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, and letting our light shine before men, that they may glorify Thee our Father in heaven.

Enable us to walk in newness of life, as those who have obtained mercy, and been made alive from the dead in Jesus Christ.

Teach us to feel by blessed experience in our souls, what a wonderful work Thou hast, of Thy sovereign grace and mercy, wrought in us, in opening our blind eyes and turning us from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto Thee, O God; that we may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed Lord, give us faith in lively exercise to light up our souls, and to give us a foretaste of that glory which is hereafter to be revealed.

O Lord, give us more liberty in approaching the throne of grace, and graciously grant that the day may break and the shadows flee away, that we may find Him whom our souls love, the chiefest among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely.

O for grace to walk humbly with Thee, our God, all our days, and be ever looking unto Jesus and following in His blessed footsteps, depending simply and entirely on the leadings and guidings of the Holy Ghost.

O Father of mercies, be gracious, we entreat Thee, unto all dear relations and friends, with all who desire an interest in our prayers. Convert those who are in darkness and the shadow of death, if according to Thy will. O that it may be the set time for their awakening by the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, shining into their souls, that they may be "made willing in the day of Thy power," and saved through Christ for ever. And grant that we, who are partakers of Thy grace and heavenly calling, may be filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto Thy praise and glory, O Lord our God.

Pardon, gracious God, all our many sins and infirmities of this day, and give

us a sweet sense of pardon, mercy, and peace, through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ; and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU, who art the living and true God, the God of all grace and mercy, enable us, as poor and needy sinners, to draw near to Thee this morning, in repentance towards Thee, O God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water, even that precious blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin. Blessed Lord, teach us to know and feel ourselves to be by nature and practice lost sinners, and the very chief of sinners, ever confessing from heart-felt experience the solemn truth, that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

And do Thou, O Lord, be pleased, by the Spirit, to reveal Thy Son Jesus

Christ in our hearts, as having put away our sins by the sacrifice of Himself; and that, when we were without strength, Christ died for us. Blessed Lord, grant us the precious gift of the Holy Ghost, the promised Comforter, to quicken, sanctify, and comfort our souls; and do Thou make us meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

O that each of us may be found amongst those who know the joyful sound, even salvation by Jesus; and who, as Thy redeemed, walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. Blessed Jesus, in Thy precious name enable us to rejoice all the day, and in Thy righteousness to be exalted. Enable us to walk by faith, and not by sight, and to feel that our life is hid with Christ in God; that when Thou, blessed Lord, who art our life, shalt appear, then shall we also appear with Thee in glory.

O Lord, have mercy, we beseech Thee, upon this land, the land of our nativity. Do Thou preserve us as a nation and

people from famine and pestilence, war and tumults, and grant that Thy people may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. O that there may ever be in this our land a seed to serve Thee, and faithful witnesses for the truth of Jesus. O grant that there may be no famine of the word of life in this our day and generation, that the gospel of Thy grace may never be taken away from us. O that it may not be said, "That truth is fallen in our land, and equity cannot enter." But, blessed Lord, grant that Thy way may be known upon earth, and Thy saving health among all nations, even salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, sustain us during this day in all times of temptations, and make a way for us to escape ; and ever keep us, good Lord, by Thy power, from all that is evil, both in the Church and in the world, as well as in our own hearts, for we have no power in ourselves, but all our hope is Jesus. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD, our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, Thou art indeed the faithful God, and the God of all flesh. Thine eyes are upon all the ways of the sons of men, and Thou knowest all their goings. We take shame to ourselves, O Lord our God, for all our past iniquities; many have been our shortcomings and backslidings during the past day; we deplore all our sins of omission and commission. O do Thou give us true repentance, and blot them all out, in the precious blood of Jesus. O grant that Thy grace may keep us from falling and forsaking the right way, for we have no power in ourselves, but all our strength is in Thee alone. O that we may be kept by Thy power, O Lord, through faith unto salvation, ready

to be revealed in the last time. Blessed Lord, be very gracious unto any of Thine of whom it may now be said, "I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."

May we be ever kept from murmuring under trial and discipline, but rather enable us to feel that it is good to be afflicted; and do Thou enable us to realize the gracious promise, "That in all our afflictions Thou art afflicted, and the angel of Thy presence saveth us." O do Thou be our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble, even Thyself, precious Jesus, who art ever at hand to Thy people, and will save our souls for ever. Enable us ever to feel comfort in the thought, "That our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." O that we may be enabled, by grace, to be looking, not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are not seen and eternal.

Blessed Lord, enable us to be ever waiting for Thy consolation and knocking at the door of grace and mercy, that we may receive everlasting consolation, and good hope, even a hope that maketh not ashamed; and cause us to dwell in peaceable habitations, and in quiet resting-places; yea, blessed Lord, let us dwell in Thee, and experience all joy and peace in believing.

Good Lord, pardon all our sins of this day, and may we ever feel sin to be a grief and burden to us; and be graciously pleased to discover to our souls peace and joy, the blessed person, work, and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the only remedy for sin, and our portion for ever.

Be with us, O heavenly Father, through this night; cause us to lie down to sleep in peace and safety, under the assured blessing of pardon, mercy, and peace, in our Lord Jesus Christ. And we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

SATURDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU Most High, the eternal and ever-blessed Jehovah, we come before Thee this morning as sinners, poor and needy, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose name is above every name.

O look upon us, we beseech Thee, in Him, and in Him may we be found. We desire to bless Thee for preserving us during the past night from all evil; and again, we are the objects of Thy sparing mercy. O for grace to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness from day to day. We bless Thee that Thou hast declared Thyself to be a God near at hand to Thy people, and not a God afar off. And do Thou, who knowest all things, and art acquainted with all our ways, be present with us

through this day, and uphold our souls in life; and graciously preserve, protect, and defend us from all sin and evil. Enable us to magnify Thee, O Lord, for Thy mercy, and may our spirits rejoice in Thee, O God our Saviour; who in Thy love and in Thy pity hath redeemed us, and hath borne us and carried us all our days.

Enable us, O Lord, to look for every grace and blessing at Thy hands, through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ; and may the gifts of repentance and faith be bestowed upon us, and Thy love, O God, be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. It is our mercy, and we desire to bless Thee for it, that "Thou, O Lord, hast sent redemption unto Thy people; and hast laid help upon One that is mighty, even Jesus, who hath saved His people from their sins." O gracious Lord, whisper in each of our souls, "Thy sins be forgiven thee;" and enable us to take hold of Thy covenant, of Thy strength, and of Thy promises.

O for grace to realize our relationship

with Thee, as the sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty; and be found amongst those chosen, called, and justified. May we be in the world, yet not of it, ever bearing in mind, that Thou, blessed Lord, hast declared, "My kingdom is not of this world."

O Lord, give us wisdom from above to direct our every step through this day, and give us an abiding sense of Thy love and presence with us.

Have mercy upon those who are afar off from Thee, dead in trespasses and sins, even Thy sheep, who are at this time dispersed abroad in the midst of this naughty world; that they may be converted and saved through Christ, with an everlasting salvation.

O Lord, enable us to go forth this day, with the sweet thought "that our times are in Thy hands;" and with the blessed assurance, "the Lord is at hand." O Lord, hear us, and give us answers of peace, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, who art the salvation of all Thy people to the ends of the earth, we desire to bless Thee for giving us, Thy unworthy creatures, supplies of grace, from day to day, and for bringing us in peace and safety through another period of time. We have indeed experienced much undeserved mercy and loving-kindness at Thy hands during the day and the week now nearly closed.

Go before us, blessed Lord, the remainder of our earthly pilgrimage; and be Thou to us the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. Be Thou, O Lord Jesus, our portion all our life long, and in death, and for ever; even “our Emmanuel, God with us.”

O Lord, do thou command our strength

in every time of weakness and necessity ; and strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought in us. Dispel all our sorrows, heal all our wounds, drive away our many doubts and various fears ; and enable us to realize that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Blessed Lord, be Thou the rest and the refreshing of our weary and sin-burdened souls.

O grant that the life of grace within us may ever reign over the life of sin and corruption. O that we may know by power divine, what it is “to have passed from death unto life,” and from the power of sin and Satan unto God ; and that we may indeed and in truth know Thee, O Lord, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, and “whom to know is life eternal.” Enable us to look forward with hope to that time when death shall be swallowed up in victory, and when we shall ever be with Thee, O Lord. O that we may be found upon our watch tower, waiting Thy coming, O Lord ; for yet a little while;

and Thou, O Lord, shalt come, and wilt not tarry, as Thou hast declared.

O Lord, bless the preaching of the gospel on the morrow ; do Thou cause it to be faithfully preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and be pleased to raise up a goodly number of faithful ministers, who shall feed the sheep of Christ, and the Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood. Blessed Lord, say unto all Thine, “ Fear not, little flock, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

O Thou Sovereign Majesty of heaven and earth, pardon all our sins of this day, and of our whole lives, for Jesus’ sake ; and give us all joy and peace in believing ; and we ask all in the precious and all-prevailing name of Jesus. AMEN.

THIRD WEEK.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, who art great in Zion, and high above all people, we desire this morning to call upon Thy name, and to praise Thee for renewed mercies.

Enable us to worship at Thy footstool this day, for Thou art holy, even to worship Thee in the glorious sanctuary in spirit and in truth.

Blessed Lord, grant that this day may be a day of grace, and a day of salvation to many hearts, through Thy sovereign power and grace, and may we be led to

feel that Thou, O Lord, hast comforted and redeemed Thy people. O cause all the ends of the earth to see Thy salvation, O God, and hasten that blessed time when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Blessed Lord, clothe Thy ministers this day with Thine own righteousness, and cause Thy people to rejoice in Thee.

We thank Thee for permitting us, Thy unworthy creatures, to behold another of the days of the Son of man. O do Thou be with us in an especial manner this day, and enable us to hold sweet fellowship and communion with Thee, our risen and exalted Saviour, who hath said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Bring us this day, O Lord, under the teaching and unction of the Holy Ghost, and enable us to sit at Thy feet, and hear Thy words, and feel that they are spirit, and that they are life.

Lead us this day into green pastures,

and beside the still waters, that we may rejoice in all the blessings and precious promises of Thy Word, as those who are interested in the covenant of grace, and in Thine eternal love, O God our Father.

O Thou most high, we beseech Thee to pour out the spirit of prayer and supplication this day upon Thy churches, Thy ministers, and Thy people, and may we be found praying in the Holy Ghost.

Blessed Lord, may we be clothed in Thy righteousness, and our souls sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Make us to be fruitful branches of Thyself, who art the living vine, and be Thou to our souls "as the fountain of gardens and well of living waters."

O Lord, sanctify to Thy people all their varied trials and afflictions, cause them to feel that Thou knowest all about them, that Thou, God, seest them, and wilt in Thine own good time give them deliverance.

Raise up, O Lord, a goodly number of faithful ministers of Jesus Christ, who

shall feed Thy people with knowledge and understanding, and grant that both ministers and people may be brought under the sweet and blessed anointings of Thine Holy Ghost. O that this day there may be added to the Church such as should be saved. O Lord, hear and answer us, according to Thy mercy, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

WE desire, gracious Lord, to draw near to Thee at the close of another day, a day set apart as peculiarly Thine own day, to bless and praise Thee for the privileges that we have enjoyed, and for all the blessings bestowed upon us in Christ, and for Christ's sake. Blessed Lord, cause us ever to call the Sabbath a delight, and do Thou make us joyful in Thy house of prayer.

Enable us to live in the enjoyment "of that rest which remaineth for the people of God," and ever remember us with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people. O visit us with Thy salvation, that we may see the good of Thy chosen, that we may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,

that we may glory with Thine inheritance. Enable us, O Lord, ever to treasure up in our hearts Thy blessed Word, and do Thou bless the everlasting gospel wherever it has been preached this day.

O that it may have been brought home with power divine to many hearts, giving liberty to the captives, and sight to the blind.

Blessed Lord, grant that Thy gospel may have come to our hearts, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. O do Thou fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

And as poor dependent creatures, we would be found leaning only upon our Beloved, even Thyself, blessed Jesus. O for grace to know and feel in blessed experience that we are Thine now, and shall be Thine, O Lord, to all eternity, even interested in that everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure, and to

feel it to be all our salvation and all our desire.

Blessed Lord, enable us to come to Thee, just as we are, poor, needy, and perishing sinners, for life and salvation. And do Thou give us grace to walk day by day in the light of Thy countenance, as those who know the joyful sound of Thy salvation, even salvation by Jesus, the Lord our righteousness. Cause us to hear Thy voice, and to follow Thee in the daily and hourly path of our pilgrimage here below, and enable us to commit all our affairs to Thee, body, soul, and spirit, for time and for eternity.

Hasten that blessed time, O Lord, when the kingdoms of this world shall become, "the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ," and when Thou, blessed Saviour, shalt reign for ever and ever. O for grace that we may live in the constant expectation of the year of the everlasting jubilee, when the trumpet shall sound, and all the redeemed shall return to Zion,

with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads; when they shall obtain joy and gladness, and all sorrow and sighing shall for ever flee away. Even so, O Lord, grant our prayer, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU most gracious and eternal God, who art God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath ; salvation alone belongeth unto Thee, and in Thy hands are the issues of life and death. Our days, we know, O Lord, are but few, and full of trouble, and our years we spend as a tale that is told. O teach us, good Lord, so to number our days that we may, through grace, apply our hearts unto wisdom. Be Thou, O Lord, our dwelling-place from day to day, and Thou, Rock of ages, our habitation. Keep us, O Lord, through this day from the temptations of the evil one, and the rising corruptions of our own hearts, by the power of Thy grace, and the blessed influence of Thy Spirit.

Stay us, O heavenly Father, with Thy precious promises, and support us with the manifestations of Thy love in Christ Jesus our Lord. O that we may have joy and comfort through believing in Thee, our Redeemer, and our God. O give us the witness within us, and a witness in Thy blessed Word, that we are Thine, and that we have an incorruptible inheritance laid up for us in heaven ; and having such a hope, O Lord, through Thy mercy and grace, enable us ever to be found in all holy conversation and godliness of life, employing our time, our strength, our faculties, and all our mercies to Thy glory ; and to Thy name be all the praise, for without Thee, O Lord, we can do nothing. Blessed Lord, cause our hearts to burn within us at the thought or mention of the name of Jesus, and may it ever be the delight and solace of our souls. Enable us to love, serve, and adore Thee, gracious Saviour, upon earth ; and may it ever be the earnest

desire of our hearts to be ruled and governed by Thee in all things, ever considering that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, even purchased with Thine own precious blood.

O for grace to glorify Thee, our God, in our bodies, and in our spirits, which are Thine. Gracious Lord, may it be our mercy to know and feel ourselves to be sinners, convinced by the Holy Ghost of sin; and blessed by Thy holy name, it is declared in Thy blessed Word, "That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Enable us by Thy grace, O Lord, to feel assured that we are amongst those who are redeemed and saved, and that everlastingly, through Jesus, without money and without price. Enable us, good Lord, to live near to Thee through this day, and be often lifting up our souls by the power of Thy Spirit from earth, and earthly things, to "the Rock of our salvation." O let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our

hearts, be ever acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord our strength and our Redeemer.
Hear and answer us, O Lord our God,
for our dear Redeemer's sake. AMEN.

MONDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU who inhabitest eternity, and art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, give us now the Spirit of prayer, that we, poor worms of the earth, may call upon Thee who art in heaven. Blessed Lord, look down, we beseech Thee, from Thy throne on high, upon us who are now waiting on Thee, and do Thou comfort our hearts in this vale of tears. O that it may be our happiness to know that Thou our Redeemer livest, and ever livest to make intercession for us, and all who come unto God through Thee. We desire this evening to bless and praise Thee, the Lord our God, for Thy grace and mercy, and Thy continued favour bestowed upon us, who are but sinful creatures, and unworthy the least of

all Thy mercies. We bless Thee for Thy gracious assurance to Thy Church and people, "I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away." O that we may be found amongst those whom Thou, O Lord, hast predestinated to be conformed to the image of Thy dear Son.

Be Thou, O Lord, our portion and our refuge in the land of the living, and in all seasons of oppression and depression, enable us to cast our every burden upon Thee in faith, and in sweet assurance, that Thou, blessed Lord, wilt give us the needed help, and that it is Thine own arm only that bringeth salvation. Do Thou, O Lord, sanctify and bless all our trials and temptations to us, and enable us to commit them all to Thee, "who knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are dust." Cause us ever to be ready to arise, and to depart, knowing that this world is not our resting-place, and that here we have no continuing city, but are seeking one to come. Deliver us, good Lord, from all our many doubts

and various fears, and enable us to look unto Thee, "the merciful and faithful High Priest," "who having suffered, being tempted, art able to succour them that are tempted." And blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast never said in vain to any sin-burdened and heavy laden soul, "Seek ye My face," and come unto me, and I will give you rest. Enable us, O Lord, to feel that all our springs are in Thee ; our hope, our faith, our love are all in thee ; for Thou, blessed Lord, art the source of all grace here to Thy people, and the fountain of all happiness hereafter.

Remember, O Lord, for good, all who are near and dear to us ; take possession of their hearts by Thy grace, and show them what they are by nature in themselves, and be pleased to reveal a precious Christ to their soul's present and eternal salvation. Enable them to realise that blessed scripture, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be

saved." Pardon all our sins of this day, and wash them all away in Thy precious blood, O Lamb of God. And we ask all, O Lord our God, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, Thy mercies are indeed great to all, and Thy compassions are infinite ; Thou makest the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and the unjust. The earth is full of Thy goodness, O Lord, and Thy mercy endureth for ever.

O cause us, blessed Lord, and all Thy redeemed, to acknowledge Thy mercy whom Thou hast redeemed from the hand of the enemy, even from our sins which war against our souls. We would fall low in the dust before Thee, O Lord, under a conscious and deep sense of sin and unworthiness ; and do Thou give us thankful hearts for fresh mercies towards us this morning. Thou hast raised us up from our beds of sleep, and hast per-

mitted us again to assemble before Thee for prayer and supplication.

Be Thou, O Lord, now in the midst of us, and that to bless us.

Enable us to go forth this day in Thy strength, and may Thy blessing rest upon us. Keep us, good Lord, from every evil, and from those sins which do most easily beset us; even from all things that may hurt our souls, and from walking in the evil ways and follies of this world. Cause us ever to remember that it is written, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God; and that whosoever will be the friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Blessed Lord, give us grace to seek and desire better things, even things that accompany salvation; and that we may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, "looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." O for grace to be found as the children of light and the children of day,

“putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation.” And blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast not appointed Thy people to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, have compassion, we beseech Thee, upon those who have no compassion for themselves, who are living for this world alone and to the world. Be pleased, O Lord, to open the eyes of many this day by Thy sovereign power and grace, that they may be led to feel themselves to be poor and lost sinners, needy and helpless, even dead whilst they live.

O Lord, in mercy reveal a precious Christ to their souls, that they may believe on Him whom Thou hast sent to the salvation of their souls.

O that we may be found waiting for Thy coming, O Lord, as those “who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

O Lord, hear us, and grant our prayer, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

Most gracious and merciful God, we come this evening before Thee, the God of our salvation and the confidence of all Thy people to the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea. We bless Thee, O Lord, for loading us day by day with benefits, both spiritual and temporal; and that with Thee, blessed Lord, is the promised mercy and plenteous redemption for Thy people. Enable us ever to hope in Thee, O Lord, who holdeth our souls in life, even life eternal; and suffereth not our feet to be moved. We desire to bless Thee for Thy preserving care over us during the past day. O do Thou give us thankful hearts for all Thy mercies, both in providence and grace.

O grant that our affections may be more and more set upon things above, and not on things of the earth; ever considering that we are but strangers and pilgrims on the earth, and that vanity is stamped upon all things here below. Blessed Lord, enable us to be ever looking up to Thee, and find Thee, precious Jesus, to be manna for our hungry souls and rest for our weary spirits.

Blessed Lord, do Thou evermore dwell in our hearts, and cause us to be rooted and grounded in Thy love, even rooted and built up in Thee, and established in the faith and hope of the gospel. Enable us to realize that blessed assurance of Thy Word, "That there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

O Lord, sanctify all our trials and afflictions to us; enable us to take comfort in the assurance, that they are among the

“all things that shall work together for good to those who love God.” O be very gracious, we entreat Thee, to all Thine whom Thou hast at this time seen good to give the bread of adversity and the water of affliction. Do Thou command their strength and cause them to realize comfort in that gracious assurance, “Whom Thou lovest Thou correctest, and chastenest every son whom Thou receivest.” Blessed Lord, lead us in Thy truth, and day by day teach us out of Thy Word.

O grant that Thy Word may ever be the joy and rejoicing of our hearts in this house of our pilgrimage.

Pardon, good Lord, all our sins of this day, whether of omission or commission, whether in thought, word, or deed, and blot them all out in the precious blood of Jesus.

We would lay our mouths in the dust, and confess that we are sinful and Thou alone art righteous.

Enable us to lie down to sleep this night in the enjoyment of Thy favour and love, as those whose names are in the "book of life;" and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

W E D N E S D A Y .

MORNING PRAYER.

WE desire to bless and praise Thee, O Thou Sovereign Majesty of heaven and earth, for Thy kind providence and preserving care over us, Thy poor dependent creatures, during the darkness and dangers of the past night, and for permitting us to open our eyes, and to behold the light of another day. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all our days; and grant that we may evermore, through grace, realize Thy goodness, O Lord, in the land of the living, even all spiritual blessings, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Blessed Lord, how great indeed is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, and which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee,

even all grace in this life, and eternal glory in Christ Jesus in the life to come.

O that we may be found, as those who are redeemed from among men, doing Thy will, O God, from our hearts, and "living a life of faith on the Son of God;" and grant, O Lord, that we may, day by day, be resting in Thee, and waiting patiently for Thee, even for Thy consolations, under all the events of this transitory life, and for Thy salvation, O Lord, which is in Christ Jesus. O for grace, as Thy disciples, blessed Lord, to cease from anger, and forsake wrath, ever considering that it is written, "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

O that we may be sincere, and without offence, until the day of Christ, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are, by Christ Jesus, unto Thy praise and glory, O Lord our God. O give us humble spirits and contrite hearts, that we may ever feel that we are nothing in ourselves, and can merit nothing, and

that it is Thy grace alone that has made any of us to differ ; for we have all sinned and come short of Thy glory, and it is by grace we are saved, and that not of ourselves, it is Thy gift, O Lord ; and do Thou, O Lord, enable us ever to bear in mind that we are Thy workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which Thou, O God, hast before ordained that we should walk in them. Blessed Lord, enable us now, and ever, to draw near to Thee, our great high priest, “with a true heart, and in the full assurance of faith.” O for grace to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; and do Thou, O our God, who art faithful, stablish us, and keep us this day from all evil, and deliver us out of all temptations ; and do Thou, blessed Lord, who art ever touched with the feeling of our infirmities, grant us mercy, and give us grace to help us in times of need. And we ask all, O Lord our God, for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O God, our Creator and Preserver, the Most High over all the earth, be Thou our ruler and guide, as we pass through this world of sin and temptation, where the adversary, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. O for grace and strength to resist the devil; and Thou hast said, he shall flee from us. O for grace "to overcome him by the blood of the Lamb," and by the word of Thy grace.

Blessed Lord, enable us ever to look unto Thee, our great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, and to hold fast our profession of Thee, blessed Jesus, the Son of God, "who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Enable us to take Thy easy yoke and

light burden upon us day by day, and, by Thy Spirit, to live and walk uprightly, as before Thy presence. Cause us to rejoice in a humble and sweet assurance that our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. May we be found walking with Thee, O God, and anticipating heaven.

O Lord, bless all our varied trials and temptations to us ; keep us from repining under them ; but rather enable us to see Thy love in them all, and hear thy blessed voice saying, "It is I, be not afraid." Enable us to come out of all our tribulations and distresses, even more than conquerors, through Thyself, who hath loved us. O Thou blessed Lamb of God, exalt us in Thy righteousness, and may that alone be all our hope, and all our trust, for time and for eternity. Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast proclaimed salvation to the ends of earth, through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ ; and hast, through Thy sovereign grace, caused the lost to be found, the blind to see, and the deaf

to hear; do Thou, O Lord, by thy blessed Spirit, convince many at this time of their sins, and some whom we desire especially to bring before Thee, who are afar off from Thee, that they may be brought nigh by the blood of Jesus, and no longer "strangers and foreigners," but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

O for grace, that we may cleave to Thee, blessed Lord, the sure and steadfast anchor, that we may rise superior both to the waves of affliction and the sad corruptions of our own hearts. And now into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves for the night; cause us to lie down and take our rest, for it is Thou alone who makest us to dwell in safety; and we ask these mercies, O heavenly Father, in the name of Him "who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood," and to whom we would ascribe all glory and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

T H U R S D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, the God of our salvation, and the hope of thy people to the ends of the earth, in Thy hands our breath is, and all that we have comes from Thee ; in Thee we live, and move, and have our being. We desire to bless Thee for the mercies of the past night ; we laid us down and slept ; we have awakened this morning, for Thou, O Lord, hast sustained us. We desire to praise Thee, O Thou Keeper of Israel, for all our past mercies, and to trust Thee for all that is to come.

Blessed Lord, give us fruitful seasons in our souls this day, and fill our hearts with joy and gladness, as those who have redemption through Thy blood, the for-

givenness of our sins, according to the riches of Thy grace. O for grace to realize Thy presence day by day, and Thy gracious promise to Thy people, "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

O heavenly Father, enable us now and ever to approach Thy throne of grace, under a conscious and deep sense of our own unworthiness and exceeding sinfulness, and with a feeling sense of Thy distinguishing grace and love in Christ, that we "may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in every time of need." Preserve us, O Lord, from the pride and vanity of this world, and take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and insensibility to Thy holy Word and commandment. O for grace, blessed Lord, to keep Thy commandments, "To believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and to love one another," and that we may have the sweet assurance that we dwell in Thee,

and Thou, blessed Lord, in us. Keep us, good Lord, from a covetous spirit, and from desiring merely the gain of this world, but rather may we desire “to win Christ, and be found in Him,” in whom alone are durable riches and righteousness; and Thou hast promised to cause them that love Thee to inherit substance, and that Thou, O Lord, wilt fill their treasures. O God, solemnly arrest and impress the hearts of those who spend their days in mirth, and in a moment may go down to the grave; and bring them “to that fear of the Lord, which is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.” O Lord, give us grace “to choose rather to suffer affliction with Thy people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;” and may we ever esteem Thy reproach, blessed Jesus, greater riches than all the treasures of this world.” And grant, O Lord, that, amidst all the manifold changes and trials of this mortal life, our hearts may be firmly fixed on

Thee, in whose presence is fulness of joy,
and at whose right hand are pleasures
for evermore. And we ask all for Jesus'
sake. AMEN.

T H U R S D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU almighty and everlasting God, the Lord of life and glory, look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, we beseech Thee, upon us, who are but poor worms of the dust, by nature exceeding sinful; even from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head there is no soundness, no health, in us; “the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.”

O merciful God, deeply impress our hearts with the solemn truth, that all have sinned, and come short of Thy glory; and do Thou enable us to flee unto Jesus, and trust alone in His great salvation, that we may be found washed in His blood, and clothed in His righteousness. Do Thou, blessed Lord, abide with us continually, and enable us to continue

in Thy love, who art the helper of the helpless, and a friend who sticketh closer than a brother. We need Thy gracious presence every hour, and Thy grace to keep us from, and in, the temptations to which we are exposed in this world of sin and evil.

Enable us, O Lord, as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, to live by faith, and not by sight, as those who have put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Make manifest, gracious Lord, Thy truth, with power to each of our hearts, and the certainty of Thy blessed Word. O that we may feel and know, by the operation of the Spirit, "Thy gospel to be the power of God unto our salvation;" and give us a lively sense of the divinity and power of Thy Godhead, blessed Jesus, as God over all, blessed for evermore. We bless Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast cast our lot in a land of providence and in a land of grace. Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy, and hast made all grace abound towards

us. O grant that we, having received so much from Thee, may ever abound in every good work, in the name, and for the sake only, of Jesus Christ our Lord ; and, O Lord, whilst many are in this life receiving their good things, and, unless brought to repentance, it is all that they will ever have, may we, as the blood-bought family of Jesus, be sitting loosely to all things here below, and be ever ready to give up all here for Christ's sake. Remember, O Lord, for good, all who are near and dear to us, both in the ties of nature and of grace ; comfort all who are tried and afflicted, and be with us through this night ; give us all joy in believing in Jesus, the comforts of the Holy Ghost, and the sweet manifestation of Thy love, O God, in our hearts. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all grace, and of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to meet with us, whom Thou hast graciously permitted to assemble before Thee this morning, to call upon Thy name.

We, who are living monuments of Thy sparing mercy, desire now to adore and praise Thee for our safety and preservation during the dark and silent hours of the past night. Do Thou, our heavenly Father, give us grateful hearts, and enable us to show forth our gratitude for all Thy boundless mercies towards us, by living to Thy praise, and giving Thee thanks from day to day; and especially we would thank Thee for Thine "unspeakable gift,"

the gift of Thy dear Son to Thy Church and people. Blessed Lord, enable us to walk humbly before Thee, and as new creatures in Christ Jesus, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

O for grace that no evil and hasty temper may get dominion over us during this day, but rather enable us to follow peace with all men, and things wherewith one may edify another. And give us, gracious Lord, that wisdom which is from above, which is pure and peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, and do Thou, O Lord, who art kind to the unthankful, and to the evil, enable us ever to bear in mind Thine own gracious injunction, "Be ye merciful, even as your Father in heaven is merciful."

O that we may ever be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, O God, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us. Be Thou, O Lord, our teacher and guide in

all the way that we go through this day.

And keep us from all the vanities and follies of earth ; cause us ever to remember that it is written, " They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercies ; " but rather may we, through grace, receive blessings from Thee, O Lord, and righteousness from the God of our salvation. Blessed Lord, give us grace to endure the trials and the difficulties that we are to meet with in the way ; and enable us to feel under all the sweet assurance, that Thou art leading us forth by the right way to a city of habitation, " where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest."

Enable us ever to trust alone in Thee, who hath redeemed us, O Lord God of truth, and who hath known our souls in adversity, and considered all our troubles.

O that we may be found among the

generation of them that seek Thee, O Lord, that seek Thy face, O God our Saviour.

And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

.EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU, who art full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth, do Thou, we beseech Thee, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out all our transgressions, and all our sins of this day, in the precious blood of Jesus. We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Do Thou, O Lord, clothe us in that righteousness which is by faith of Jesus Christ, "unto all, and upon all them that believe." O that we may be interested in that blessed assurance of Thy word, "That there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus;" and may it be the desire of our souls to be holy, as Thou, O God, art holy, and pure as Thou art pure, for when Thou,

blessed Lord, shalt appear, we shall be like Thee, and see Thee as Thou art. Do Thou, O Lord, send forth Thy light and Thy truth in our hearts, and cause us to know and experience Thy love, which passeth knowledge; and may it ever more constrain us in all things. Draw us by Thy Spirit, that we may realize Thy most gracious promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

And Thou hast promised, "All Thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of Thy children."

Strengthen us, O Lord, by Thy Spirit with might in the inner man, and make our hearts Thy dwelling-place.

O for grace to feel, that having Thee, blessed Lord, we possess all things, and "want no good thing," but have the promise of the life that now is, as well as that which is to come. O Lord, enable us to walk in newness of life, as those who have been born again by Thy blessed

Spirit, and made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

O for grace to sit loosely and detached from earth and earthly things, and be found glorying only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom may we be led to feel "that the world is crucified unto us, and we unto the world."

Preserve us, good Lord, from all superstition and idolatry: and whilst there be in the world that are called "gods many and lords many," O give us grace to serve Thee, the one only true God the Father, of whom are all things, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things.

O Lord, deliver us from all our doubts and fears, and grant us the witness of the Spirit with our spirit, that we are Thy children, even heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, and that we may hereafter be glorified in Christ for ever. And now, O Lord, take us under Thy special care for the night; defend us

whether we wake or sleep, and grant that all may be well with us in soul and body, both for time and for eternity ; and we ask all for our dear Redeemer's sake.
AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

O MOST gracious God, the giver of all good and the fountain of life, in Thee we live, and move, and have our being; we, Thine unworthy and sinful creatures, desire this morning to praise Thee for fresh mercies, and for all varied deliverances to this present hour.

Enable us, blessed Lord, to trust alone in Thee and to look up to Thee, from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift. We desire to commit all our ways and all our works unto Thee, O "Thou Father of lights," with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning; and we would now and ever seek Thy direction in all the affairs of this life, and do Thou ever guide us with Thy

counsel. Enable us daily to cease from man, and be found continually looking unto Thee, blessed Jesus, who hath all power in heaven and in earth. O do Thou conduct us safely through our every stage of time to the rest which remaineth for the people of God in eternity.

Give us help this day, good Lord, from above, to supply our every want and our every necessity.

Strengthen us with strength in our souls, and make us to abound in every good work to the praise and glory of Thy holy name.

O heavenly Father, enable us to live from day to day depending on Thee, and leaving the future in Thy hands and entirely with Thee. Keep us from all worldly and covetous desires, but rather give us longings after treasures in heaven, which never fail, and an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for Thy people, O God. O that all our desires

may be formed in Jesus, and be sanctified in Him.

Blessed Lord, keep us from all sin this day, and from every appearance of evil, and cause us to realize that blessed assurance of Thy word, that sin shall not have dominion over Thy people, who are not under the law, but under grace. O for grace to serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Enable us to stand fast in that liberty, wherewith Christ hath made His people free, and if any of Thine, O Lord, are fallen, lift them up, and do as Thou hast said, "Though they fall, they shall not be utterly cast down, for Thou upholdest them with Thy hands;" and that because all "Thy people are in the arms of everlasting love," and on the sure foundation, even Jesus Christ.

O Lord, meet with unwilling souls this day, and make them "willing in the day of Thy power," so that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ,

whom Thou hast sent, and “whom to know is life eternal.” O Lord, pardon all our sins and infirmities, and grant our prayer for Jesus’ sake. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

BLESSED Lord Jesus, who art the way, the truth, and the life, Thou hast said, no man cometh unto the Father but by Thee. Enable us at this time so to come to the throne of grace in Thee, and through Thee, our Advocate on high, and the propitiation for our sins, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in every time of need, for we are poor, weak, and sinful creatures, having no power in ourselves, but all our strength is alone in Thee. Blessed Lord, give us help indeed, and suitable supplies for all our necessities, both for time and for eternity. And to whom else should we go, for Thou alone hast the words of eternal life; and enable us to believe and confess that "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

O Holy Ghost, quicken and sanctify our souls, and take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us; and so comfort our hearts in this house of our pilgrimage.

Blessed Lord, enable us to prize Thee and Thy salvation above all the world, and what this world can give. And give us grace that we may not set our hearts upon this world, since Thou, O Lord, hast not made it the portion of Thy people. O that we may know by blessed experience what it is to enjoy and possess Thee, O Lord, and to miss and mourn Thy absence in our souls, for when Thou givest quietness to Thy people, who can make trouble? and when Thou, O Lord, hidest Thy face, we are indeed troubled. Be pleased, gracious Lord, to give us a sanctified use of all providences of this life, and cause all our seasons of sicknesses and afflictions, crosses and disappointments, to work together for our good. Enable us ever to discern Thy love and grace, blessed Jesus, abounding in all

Thy dealings with us, and cause our every thought to be brought into subjection to the obedience of Thyself; and be Thou all in all to our souls, and that we may count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord.

O Lord, give us some sweet foretaste of the everlasting happiness of that life which is to come, where sin and sorrow can never enter, and where Thou, O Lord, shalt be our everlasting light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended, and we shall be for ever with Thee, O Lord.

Pardon, good Lord, all our sins and infirmities of this day, and blot them all out in the precious blood of Jesus. And now, O heavenly Father, we commend ourselves, with all who are near and dear to us, to Thy love and care for the night. Do Thou refresh our bodies with sleep and our souls with Thy heavenly visitations. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FOURTH WEEK.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O God of all grace and mercy, we desire to bless Thee for permitting us, Thy unworthy creatures, to behold another of the days of the Son of man. O that we may be found in the spirit on this day of rest; and do Thou, blessed Lord, cause the Spirit to help our infirmities, teaching us how to pray and what to pray for.

May we esteem a day in Thy courts better than a thousand; and may our praise be of Thee, O Lord, in the congregation of Thy people. Enable us to rejoice

this day in Thy free and happy service, and find Thee, in Thy word and in Thy house of prayer, as our all and in all; the very life of our souls and our portion for evermore. Cause us to feed in the green pastures of Thy word, and grant us the blessed teaching and comfort of the Holy Ghost. Enable us, O Lord, to drink of that river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; and do Thou, blessed Lord, be in the midst of Thy Church and people this day by Thy gracious presence. Enable us to realize in our souls the blessed promise, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children." Give us, O heavenly Father, with all who are of the household of faith, some blessed seasons in our souls this day, and some sweet visits of Jesus and His love, that we may experience such peace as the world can neither give nor take away.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bless the preaching of the everlasting gospel throughout the world this day, and cause Thy word

to run and be glorified, and to enter with power into many hearts. O do Thou breathe upon the dry bones of the valley, and bid them live. O that the spirit of life from Thee, O Lord, may enter into many who are dead in sin and ignorance, that they may be led by Thy sovereign power and grace to believe in Jesus, and henceforth to live a life of faith on the Son of God here on earth. Raise up, O Lord, a goodly number of faithful ministers of Jesus Christ, in this our day and generation, to "testify the gospel of the grace of God." O that they may be as "stars in Thy right hand," and do Thou hold them up and bless them in their own souls. Enable them to feed Thy Church, which Thou, O Lord, hast purchased with Thine own blood; and do Thou make Thy chosen people joyful.

O for grace to preserve us from trusting in dead formality and lifeless ceremonies, but give us grace to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches, and day by day enable us to shine as lights

in the world. O that there may be added to Thy Church this day, such as should be saved.

O Lord, hear and answer us, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

THE LORD'S-DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

BLESSED Lord Jesus, who was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, enable us to look unto Thee, the author and finisher of our faith, that our souls may be filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

O thou ever-blessed and all-sufficient Saviour, enable us to come, just as we are, unto Thee, blessed Lord, who art both able and willing to save, even to the uttermost, all who come unto God by Thee; and blessed be Thy name, Thou ever livest to make intercession at God's right hand for Thy people.

We desire to rejoice more and more in that assurance of Thy word, "It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth."

O Lord, be with us and bless us in the hearing and reading of Thy holy word, from day to day, by the power and teaching of the Holy Ghost. Cause it ever to abide in our hearts, and to be received, by us and Thy whole Church, not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God; even thine own word, blessed Lord, which do Thou cause to work effectually in us, and in all Thy believing people.

Precious Jesus, be thou the food of our souls evermore, and be pleased to make new and fresh discoveries of Thyself in our hearts, that we may rejoice in a sweet sense of Thy pardoning love and the renewals of Thy grace.

Gracious Lord, cause the fruits of Thy salvation to abound in our hearts and lives; and enable us, and all who possess Thy love, to triumph in Jesus and His redeeming grace; and do thou prepare us for the everlasting enjoyment of Thee our God, in glory hereafter. O Lord, we beseech Thee to bless Thy gospel, wherever it has been preached this day,

and grant that it may have taken deep root in many hearts ; and whilst, O Lord, the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, may it ever be unto us the power of God unto salvation. O Lord, be pleased in Thy good time to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and hasten Thy kingdom. O grant that Thy people may be gathered unto Thee, even Thine elect, which are scattered abroad in the midst of this evil and naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Blessed Lord, enable us henceforth to live by faith, and be found resting on Jesus and His perfect work. O that we may be followers of them, who, through faith and patience inherit the promises ; and when Thou, the chief Shepherd, shalt appear, O grant that each of us may receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

M O N D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

MOST gracious God, and heavenly Father, Thy mercies are indeed great to all, and Thy compassions are infinite ; Thou daily loadest us with benefits, and hast made our cup of blessings to run over. Not more than others we deserve, yet Thou hast given us more. O do Thou give us grateful hearts and thankful spirits to Thee, the God of all our mercies, who holdeth our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

O Lord, sustain us, we entreat Thee, by Thy blessed Spirit, in all our warfare against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and all enemies of our salvation, so that we may come out more than conquerors, through Christ, who hath loved us. Strengthen and refresh our souls by Thy

presence this day, gracious Lord, and enable us to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, and laying aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. O that the heavens may be opened unto us, and Thyself, blessed Lord, revealed with power to each of our hearts, in Thy glorious person and complete salvation. Enable us henceforth to walk by faith, and not by sight, having our conversation as becometh the gospel of Christ; and, by grace, looking beyond these tabernacles that we now inhabit, to that city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Preserve us, good Lord, from all the rebellious murmurings and transgressions, so ready to arise in our hearts; but do Thou, O God, enable us, amidst every discouragement, even against hope, to believe in hope, and to trust Thee, even where we cannot trace Thee. O for that broken and contrite heart, which Thou, O God, wilt not despise; and give us grace to sustain us at

all times, so that neither the height of prosperity nor the depth of adversity, nor any other creature, be able to separate us from Thy love, O God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gracious Lord, grant us frequent visits of Thy love, and manifest Thyself unto us otherwise than Thou dost unto the world. O that we may know Thee, whom to know is life eternal, and possess Thee as our portion all our life long. Give us the blessed testimony in our hearts, that we please Thee, and are accepted in the beloved, even Thyself, blessed Jesus, the Lord our righteousness. Enable us, gracious Lord, this day, to follow Thee, and be ready to leave all here for Thy sake ; and cause us to realize Thy divine presence in all the glories of eternity, and receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; which do Thou, O Lord, in mercy grant us, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

M O N D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, the Lord of life and glory, hear our prayer this night, and give ear to our supplications. We desire to approach Thee in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, and do Thou, for His sake, be pleased to fulfil the desires of Thy poor and needy creatures now before Thee. In Thy faithfulness answer us, and in Thy righteousness, for Thou, O God, art faithful who hast promised, and in Thy righteousness alone are Thy people exalted. O that we may ever feel ourselves to be but strangers and pilgrims on the earth, and be found "poor in spirit, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom." O that our affections and ardent longings may ever be towards Thee, blessed Lord; and that we may,

through Thy grace, enjoy communion and fellowship with the Most High.

O that we may be truly turned to Thee, O God, away from every idol, and from all the vanities and follies of this world; and that, with full purpose of heart, we may be enabled to cleave unto Thee, O Lord, as our all, and in all. O that our souls may be more and more thirsting after Thee, O God, and be Thou to us as a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Blessed Lord, give us such a knowledge of ourselves, and of our own depravity by nature, that we may ever be kept from pride and self-righteousness. We would desire to rejoice in nothing but Thyself, and to glory only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the earnest cry of our souls be, "Whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that we desire besides Thee; and Thou art indeed "Emmanuel, even God with us;" and blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast declared that Thou for-

sakest not Thy saints, but that they are preserved for ever. Enable us, O Lord, when clouds and darkness are upon us, to hold fast to Thee, and the sure foundation of the Lord our God. Enable us, O Lord, in all our ways to see and acknowledge Thy hand and over-ruling providence, and to feel assured that all must be right, for Thou, Lord, hast done it; and Thou, who hast Thy way in the whirlwind and in the storm, art ever merciful and ever gracious unto Thy people; and Thy promise is sure, and do Thou give us faith to lay hold of it, "That all things shall work together for good to those who love God." O Lord, hear us, prepare us for Thy coming, pardon all our sins and infirmities of this day, and graciously grant our petitions, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O God, our heavenly Father, we, Thy sinful and unworthy creatures, desire to give Thee our humble and hearty thanks this morning, for all the mercies and loving-kindness which Thou hast again shown us.

Our preservation we owe entirely to Thee, and all the manifold blessings of this life. O Lord, do Thou give us a due sense of our mercies, and hearts, ever thankful to Thee, from whom all blessings flow, and from whom alone cometh every good and every perfect gift. Mercifully look upon us at this time, and direct us, O Lord, for good this day in all the way that we go; and whilst Thou art daily feeding us with the bread that perisheth in the using, do Thou feed us with that

bread, which endureth unto everlasting life, even Thyself, blessed Lord, that we may eat and live for ever.

Be Thou the Lord our God, and may we be Thine in an everlasting covenant not to be broken; and do Thou, who hast the words of eternal life, be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption; and may it be our happiness, blessed Jesus, to be found “complete in Thee” and clothed in Thy righteousness. O may a sense of Thy great love and undeserved mercy to us poor lost sinners by nature, endear Thee, gracious Lord, to our hearts, for we have all sinned and come short of Thy glory, and there is indeed no health in us.

O do Thou grant us that blessed testimony in our experience, “that we love Thee, because Thou, O Lord, hast first loved us;” and that we are Thy children by faith in Christ Jesus.

Keep us, good Lord, evermore from all undue anxiety about the things of this life, from being careful and troubled about

many things ; but rather enable us to commit them all to Thee, and be more concerned for the "one thing needful." Blessed Lord, enable us, as Thy children, to live day by day, not to ourselves, but to Thee, who died for us and rose again. O for grace to live upon Thee and Thy fulness, as our portion for time and to all eternity. O Lord, enable us to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation ; and when the enemy cometh in like a flood upon us, do Thou, the Spirit of the Lord, lift up according to promise a standard against him. Cause us, blessed Lord, to walk this day in newness of life, abounding in every good word and work, and enable us to see ourselves in the glass of Thy word, as nothing in ourselves, and Christ alone "all in all."

And we ask these mercies, O Lord, in the precious and all-prevailing name of Jesus. AMEN.

TUESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O most gracious and most merciful God, we come before Thee this evening with nothing to plead but Thy mercy, and nothing to offer but what is Thine. We have nothing in our hands to bring ; but we come to Thy mercy-seat just as we are. And Thou, blessed Lord, has said, “ Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” We desire to adore and praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy distinguishing grace and mercy towards us, whom Thou hast snatched as “ brands from the burning,” and saved in Thee, O Lord, with an everlasting salvation. Give us, O Lord, such a deep sense of our own sinfulness and lost condition by nature and of our need of salvation, that

our cry may be, "Lord, save us," for we have no hope in ourselves and "nothing to pay;" but do Thou, gracious Lord, cause all our hope to be in Thee and Thy cross. O Thou, the consolation of Israel, and the Saviour thereof, give us grace to come to Thee, as those "whom the Father hath given Thee to come," and Thou hast graciously said, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in nowise cast out." And to whom else, blessed Lord, should we go, for Thou alone hast the words of eternal life; and Thou hast said, He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. Enable us, O Lord, to look unto Thee for all things in providence, grace, and glory.

O that we may realize pardon and peace in our souls through the blood of Thy cross, with every new covenant blessing here, and all the fulness of glory in Thee and from Thee to all eternity.

Blessed Lord, give us grace to live godly in this present evil world, and

enable us ever to feel that we are but strangers and pilgrims here on earth, desiring a better country, even a heavenly, from whence also we would be found looking for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, even the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Pardon, good Lord, all our many sins and infirmities of this day, even all that Thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss in us, whether of omission or commission, and wash them all away in Thy precious blood. O give us that godly sorrow for sins, that worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. O Lord, be gracious, we beseech Thee, unto all who are near and dear to us. O that they may be found among Thy chosen upon earth, and hereafter numbered among Thy saints in glory everlasting. Enable us to retire this night to rest under the assurance that our names are written in heaven in the Lamb's book of life. And we ask these and every mercy in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

BLESSED Lord, Thou keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, we, Thy unworthy creatures, desire this morning to record Thy praises for the mercies of the past night. Thou hast guarded us in our hours of sleep, and hast brought us in peace and safety to see the morning light, and to enter upon another day. O grant, blessed Lord, that its cares and anxieties may lead us to put our whole trust in Thee, who art the only rock, and the salvation and the defence of Thy people, so that we shall not be moved. Keep us, good Lord, through the day from all covetous and inordinate desires, and bring our every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

And, O Lord, give us grace to have

our conversation in the world day by day in all simplicity and godly sincerity, and in all things behave ourselves as becometh the gospel of Christ.

Blessed Lord, enable us in all the stages of this life, whether in any sweet enjoyment or in the bitter waters of affliction, to live upon Thee and Thy fulness; and ever to be solaced by the thought and assurance that all our groans and all our desires are known to Thee.

Be pleased, O Lord, to sanctify and bless to us all our varied trials and afflictions, all our infirmities and reproaches, and leave us not to be cast down in unbelief, or to be repining in the emptiness and unsatisfying nature of mere creature enjoyment; but do Thou, O gracious Lord, prepare our souls for Thy presence, and fit us for the everlasting enjoyment of Thee, O God, and the Lamb for ever; and amidst all the changing providences of this life, enable us to live upon Thee, an unchangeable God. O for grace to sit loosely to earth and earthly things,

and enable us, blessed Lord, to set our affections on things above, as those who by grace and heavenly calling have their lives hid with Christ in God; and when Thou, O Lord, who art our life shalt appear, then shall we also appear with Thee in glory. Conquer and subdue, O Lord, by Thy grace all the rising corruptions of our fallen nature, which so often rob us of our peace; and do Thou, O Lord, work in us, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ.

And do Thou, O Lord, who alone art able to keep us from falling, be with and bless us in all things, and at all times through this day, and for evermore. And we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

WEDNESDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, we desire to bless Thee, this night for all our mercies, and to acknowledge with thankful hearts that all comes from Thee. Thou hast indeed supplied our every want, and been mindful of all our need, and comforted us in all our tribulations, and hast made all grace abound towards us.

Precious Jesus, enable us to have Thee always in our remembrance, and ever to realize in our souls that most gracious promise to Thy people, "The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord, that

hath mercy on thee." O that we may be found among "the vessels of mercy" which Thou hast prepared unto glory, and we would ascribe every blessing and all our salvation to Thy free grace and sovereign mercy, in and through Jesus Christ.

O Lord, send out Thy light and Thy truth to guide us into all truth, and may the Holy Spirit glorify Thee, blessed Jesus, in our souls, and show us things to come.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for Thy watchful care over us this day, and for providing both for our bodily and spiritual sustenance.

And do Thou, O Lord, who knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are dust, let not the foot of pride come against us, and let not the hand of the wicked remove us. Keep us, good Lord, from everything that dishonours Thee, or that may cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of.

O that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts as those who are sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. O that we may be found living witnesses for Christ upon earth, and bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit.

O Lord, give us grace to continue all our days in Thy faith and fear; and may we be found abiding in Thee, and Thy words abiding in us, even unto the end of our lives. Be gracious, O Lord, we beseech Thee, unto those who are in darkness and the shadow of death; open their eyes, that they sleep not the sleep of death; and do Thou by Thy grace cause those who have been "sowing the wind, only to reap the whirlwind; now, and henceforth to sow to the Spirit, that they may of the Spirit, reap life everlasting." Pardon, O Lord, all our sins and infirmities of this day, for Jesus' sake. O do Thou preserve us during the night in peace and safety; and cause us to be

cheered and comforted by the thought that "the Lord is at hand;" and we ask these mercies, O Lord, for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

T H U R S D A Y .

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU holy and precious Lamb of God, who art the light and the salvation of Thy people to the ends of the earth, enable us to come before Thy presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for fresh mercies and renewed preservation. Enable us to realize Thy presence this day, and to feed on Thee by faith, as our glorious Pascal Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world; and by Thee enable us continually to live, for Thou alone canst nourish and sustain us, and make us partakers of everlasting life.

Holy Father, look upon us, we beseech Thee, only in Jesus Christ, that in Him and His precious redemption we may find favour with Thee, O God. O give us to feel and know that our sins, which are

many and great, are all washed away in the blood of the Lamb, and our souls are regenerated and renewed by the Holy Ghost, even saved, according to Thy mercy, and not by any works of righteousness which we have done. O for grace to realize our everlasting interest in all that Thou, blessed Jesus, hast done, and in all that Thou hast suffered; and enable us to behold Thee as the Lamb of God, which alone hath taken away our sins, and borne our iniquities; and that we may know Thee by faith as the Lord our righteousness. Keep us, good Lord, as Thy servants, through this day from all presumptuous sins, and let no wickedness have dominion over us; and may we have grace, day by day, to do justly in all things, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee, O God; and whilst living in the world, keep us from the pollutions of the world, and separate us from all that is unholy and unclean. We desire ever to bear in mind the solemn assurance of Thy word, "The eyes of

the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers," whilst the face of the Lord is declared to be against them that do evil.

Blessed Lord, cause Thy presence to go with us and before us this day, to keep us in all our ways; and give us an interest in that gracious promise, "My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places." Enable us, O Lord, to receive Thy blessed word in our hearts, and daily to search the Scriptures by the teaching of Thy blessed Spirit, so that we may have hope in our souls, and be enabled to show unto others, by the Scriptures, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. And may Thy peace be on us, and mercy, and upon Thine Israel, O God; and grant us these mercies, O Lord, for Jesus' sake. **AMEN.**

T H U R S D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, unto Thee we desire now to lift up our souls, and to approach the throne of Thy grace in all sincerity and humbleness of mind, in and through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Pardon, good Lord, all our sins of this day, whether in thought, word, or deed, for we are verily guilty in Thy sight, and we confess that there is no health in us; and as Thy blessed word declares, every mouth must be stopped, and all the world brought in guilty before Thee, O God, and that all have sinned and come short of Thy glory. Blessed Lord, grant us, we beseech Thee, repentance towards Thee, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

O that we may be enabled to realize in heart-felt experience "the blood of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, cleansing us from all sin," even sins past, sins present, and sins to come; and we plead the gracious promise, "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;" and who is the propitiation for our sins, and also for the sins of all Thy people, to the ends of the earth. Enable us, O Lord, to put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy and loving-kindness; and do Thou give us help in all our varied troubles and afflictions, for without Thy blessing and favour vain is all human help; but blessed be Thy name, gracious Lord, that Thou dost "take our infirmities, and bear our sicknesses." O Lord, give us grace to choose rather to suffer affliction with Thy people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. O give us hearts to trust Thee, O God, even when we cannot trace Thee; whether in adversity or in prosperity, in sickness or in

health, when we suffer need, or when we abound.

O Lord, we desire to thank Thee for Thy kindness towards us during the past day, and for Thy boundless mercies during the whole of our lives. O do Thou cause us to know and feel that we are monuments of Thy grace, and sinners saved by the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. And do Thou, O Lord, lift up our souls, and all that is within us, to bless Thy holy name, and to forget not all Thy benefits. O give us thankful hearts when Thou givest, and when Thou withholdest, and enable us at all times to serve Thee, our God, acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Blessed Lord, cause Thy love and sweet presence to be with us, and all who are near and dear to us, during the silent and defenceless hours of the night. O may Thy blessed word and precious promises cheer and comfort our souls; and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, enable us this morning to bow our knees unto Thee in prayer and praise, and so to approach Thee, that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy life have eternal life. Thy mercies are indeed renewed to us every morning, and great is Thy faithfulness towards us. Blessed Lord, be Thou our director and guide this day, and day by day do Thou manifest Thyself to us as the Sovereign Ruler of our hearts and as our covenant God, who alone art of infinite power and boundless grace. Preserve us, good Lord, amidst the various temptations and trials which may this day assault us, and grant that a way

may be made for us to escape ; and that we may, through Thy grace and strength, be able to bear them. When oppressed, O Lord, undertake for us, and when depressed, good Lord, deliver us.

O for grace to follow Thee, precious Jesus, this day with all gladness and singleness of heart, and ever feeding upon Thee by faith, and anticipating with delight that good land where we shall see the King in His beauty, and the attainment of that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Give us grace, O Lord, to take heed to ourselves, to our whole lives and conversation, that they may be such as becometh the gospel of Christ, ever considering that we are not our own but Thine, O Lord, who hath bought us with a price. Preserve us from being overcharged with the cares and pleasures of this life ; but may some portion of this and every day be given to the reading of Thy word with meditation and prayer.

And as it is declared in Thy word that

the day of the Lord shall come as a snare on all who dwell on the face of the whole earth, enable us, as Thy people, to be found watching and putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation; even putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, and not making provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof. Blessed Lord, give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, ever bearing and forbearing one towards another as Thy disciples, blessed Jesus, who died, and rose, and revived, that Thou mightest be Lord both of dead and living.

Precious Jesus, Thou Rock of Ages, on Thee may we be found built, so that no power of evil shall ever prevail against us; and in Thy book may our souls be found numbered, and hereafter may we have an abundant entrance into Thine everlasting kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we ask all in Jesus, and for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

FRIDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, mercifully look upon us, we beseech Thee, who are here assembled together to call upon Thy name, and by prayer and supplication in the Spirit with thanksgiving to make known our requests unto Thee, O God. O that we may be the happy partakers of that complete and eternal redemption which Thou, blessed Lord, hast obtained for Thy people by Thy cross and passion. Thou hast indeed finished transgression, and made an end of sin by the sacrifice of Thyself, even that one all-sufficient sacrifice, whereby Thou hast perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

O for grace to glory only in Thy cross, blessed Lord, and Thy boundless love

which passeth knowledge. Enable us to come to Thee, gracious Lord, for relief and comfort in all our discouragements and manifold temptations, and grant that the trial of our faith, though it be by fire, may be found unto praise and honour and glory at Thine appearing in glory hereafter.

Enable us to go on our way, rejoicing in the assurance that nothing in life or death, in time, or in eternity, shall be able to separate us from Thy love, O God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to look upon Thy Church and people in this our day. O revive Thy work in our hearts, and cause Thy Church to realize all the riches of Thy grace and mercy in the glorious person, blood, and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. O that we may be led to rejoice, through believing in Jesus, with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

O Lord, cause the light of Thy glorious gospel to shine in the dark places of the

earth, which are full of the habitations of cruelty. O that the gospel may be proclaimed from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth, even the gospel of the kingdom which Thou hast declared should be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations ; and grant that Thy way, O Lord, may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. O cause all to bow before Thee, and Thine enemies, O Lord, to submit themselves unto Thee. And as the night of this world is far spent, and the day of the immortal world is at hand, do Thou give us and all Thy people grace to sit loosely to all things here below, and be found ready and waiting for Thy coming, O Lord.

Blessed Lord, watch over us, with all who are near and dear to us, during this night, and defend us from all evil both in soul and body. And we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

MORNING PRAYER.

WE adore and praise Thee, O Thou great and infinite Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for Thy kind care and preservation of us, Thy sinful and unworthy creatures.

Thou hast kept us in safety through the past night, and all our life long Thou hast shown us loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Blessed Lord, do Thou incline our hearts this day to seek Thee, our souls to love Thee, and our best affections to be fixed upon Thee, as all our salvation and all our desire. O visit us with Thy salvation, that we may experience Christ formed in us the hope of glory.

O Lord, grant that we may be led to see and feel by Thy word, and by Thy

grace in our hearts, that our whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint, and that from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness. And do Thou, blessed Lord, enable us evermore to cease from self, and from everything in which may be supposed confidence, and that Thou, blessed Jesus, alone mayest be exalted in our hearts as the Lord our righteousness.

Think upon us, O our Lord, for good this day, and spare us according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Give us help from above in all trying seasons, and cause our eyes to look up unto Thee, O Lord our God, continually for all we need, and for all that we can require,—for grace in this life and glory in that which is to come. O Lord, enable us to trust alone in Thee, and leave not our souls destitute. Do Thou cause us ever to bear in mind that it is written, “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, and all things are become new.”

O for grace, blessed Lord, to bear this evidence before the world, that we are Thine by adoption and grace, born again of Thy blessed Spirit, and our souls saved by Thy grace through the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. And, gracious Lord, when sins and iniquities prevail against us, enable us to realize the blood of Jesus Christ cleansing us from all unrighteousness. O Lord, be gracious, we entreat Thee, unto those who are out of the way, afar off from Thee. Do Thou be pleased to deliver them from the power of darkness, and translate them into the kingdom of Thy dear Son. O do Thou, blessed Lord, impress each of our hearts with Thine own solemn injunction, "If any will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." O Lord, hear us, and pardon our sins and infirmities, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

S A T U R D A Y.

EVENING PRAYER.

WE desire, O Lord our God, at the close of another day and of another week, to bless and praise Thee for great and special mercies.

Thou hast comforted our hearts on many occasions, and hast strengthened us with strength in our souls in times of adversity. Enable us to seek Thee, O Lord our God, and to call upon Thy name all the days of our lives. O that our souls may prosper and be in health, and that we may be found, through grace, walking in the truth, even by the Spirit of truth, guiding us into all truth. Enable us, blessed Lord, to love and keep Thy word all our days, not in memory only, but in heart and life also. O that

we may be found as the “body of Christ, and members in particular,” adorning Thy doctrine, O God our Saviour, in all things, speaking the truth in love at all times, and growing up into Thyself, blessed Lord, who art the head over all to the Church, and the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. O Thou great head of Thy Church and people, grant that we may be found rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, and continuing instant in prayer.

O for grace to glorify Thee, our God, in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine, ever considering that we are not our own, but bought with a price, even Thine own precious blood.

We desire, blessed Lord Jesus, to praise Thee, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, for Thine unceasing mercies towards us and Thy whole Church.

Enable us to realize at this time Thy gracious promise to Thy Church, “I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every

moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." O that we may be included in that assurance of Thy word, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." O cause us and all Thy redeemed to realize, that it is not by might nor by power that we can do or merit anything, but by Thy Spirit alone, O Lord our God.

O Lord, teach us to know and feel that it is grace alone that begins and concludes the work of salvation in every redeemed heart, and it is Thou, O Lord, who wilt "bring forth the headstone, crying, Grace, grace unto it."

Bless us, O Lord, and all the assemblies of Thy people on the coming day; cause it to be a refreshing season to our souls; and enable us to hear Thy voice at the door of our hearts, and by grace to receive Thee in our hearts. According as it is written, "I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Pardon, good Lord, all our sins and infirmities of this day, for Jesus' sake, and fill us with all joy and peace in believing; and we ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR.

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD our God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, we, Thy unworthy and sinful creatures, desire to bless and praise Thee for Thy preserving and watchful care over us, during the year now nearly closed, and soon to be numbered with the past. Thou hast redeemed our lives from destruction, and hast crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies; we are living monuments of Thy sparing mercy, and we trust of Thy pardoning grace, through the blood of Jesus. Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which Thou, O Lord our God, hast spoken concerning us. Thou hast preserved us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the de-

struction that wasteth at noonday. Thou hast been in times past better to us than all our fears; and do Thou, O Lord, enable us to feel that in Thee and Thy great salvation we have perfect security for time and for eternity. Blessed Lord, be Thou our strong habitation, whereunto we may, as Thy children, continually resort; and be Thou our hiding-place from the wind, and our covert from the tempest, and as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Blessed Lord, enable us, in looking back at the past, to know and feel that Thou hast led us by a right way to the city of habitation, and that Thy mercy and grace have ever followed us. Thou hast humbled us and proved us, and hast shown us what was in our hearts.

Blessed Lord, whilst we are led to mourn over our sins and all our unbelief, do Thou feed us day by day with the manna of salvation, and with the bread of eternal life, even Thyself blessed Jesus. Cause Thy love, O God, evermore to con-

strain us, and do Thou draw our hearts to love Thee, Thy word, and Thy people. O for grace to be reconciled to all Thy dealings with us, and to the way which Thou, O God, hast in Thy sovereignty chosen and marked out for us here below ; and do Thou, who sittest upon the throne above, look down upon us at this solemn period of time, and enable us to look up to Thee, confessing that we are but strangers on the earth, having here no continuing city, “none abiding;” for this is not our rest. O give us grace that we may be found looking for that blessed hope and Thy glorious appearing, O God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessed Lord, enable us to anticipate with delight the time when we shall enter the pearly gates, and walk the golden streets of the heavenly Jerusalem, where Thou, O God, art the temple, and the Lamb the light thereof.

Be gracious, O Lord, unto all who are near and dear to us ; O that they may be found amongst the number of Thine elect,

when Thou shalt come to be glorified in Thy saints, and admired in all them that believe. O gracious Lord, ever fill our souls with a sense of Thy goodness towards us, and our own undeservings, even of the least of all Thy mercies. Do Thou, blessed Lord, who hast hitherto helped us, cause us to realize the sweet assurance that Thou wilt help us all life's journey through.

O Lord hear us, and pardon all our sins and infirmities, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU blessed Lord Jesus, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, salvation belongeth unto Thee, and Thy blessing is upon Thy people. In Thee we live, and move, and have our being; and Thou upholdest all things by the word of Thy power. We, Thy unworthy creatures, desire with grateful hearts to bless and praise Thee for permitting us to behold the light of another day, and the dawn of a new year. Thou hast not, O merciful God, dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, but hast spared us in life, and given us fresh tokens of Thy favour and preserving care over us. O for grace to record Thy mercies and celebrate Thy praises.

Cause us to hear Thy gracious word of promise, "From this day I will bless you."

O that we may be found amongst those, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and walking humbly with Thee our God on earth. O Lord, sanctify all the events of the year to us, whether of joy or sorrow, prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health. O give us, blessed Lord, faith and patience under every dispensation, and cause us ever to feel comfort in the thought "that our times are in Thy hands;" and that the promise is sure to Thy people, "All things shall work together for good to them that love God."

O Lord, enable us to live Christ here upon earth, and in Christ who is our life. Bless all the good things of this life to our use, which Thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us; we acknowledge that all comes from Thee. Thou givest and Thou takest away, and blessed be Thy holy name.

O Lord, sanctify us for Thy service all

our life long, and may Thine eyes be over us for good from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

O that we may be found amongst “sinners saved” in Christ with an everlasting salvation, and our souls “bound in the bundle of life with Thee, the Lord our God;” even “sanctified by God the Father, preserved in Christ Jesus, and called.”

We desire to bless Thee, O Lord, for all our past mercies, and to trust Thee for all that is to come.

Enable us, blessed Lord, to follow Thee, not afar off, but close with Thee, whose presence is salvation.

Gracious Lord, bless this opening year to the souls of all here assembled, if such be Thy blessed will, and grant that it may be a year of special mercies to us all. O for grace to walk humbly before Thee, O Lord, day by day, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and having no confidence in the flesh.

O Lord, grant that our whole life and

conversation may henceforth be such as becometh the gospel of Christ, ever doing justly and loving mercy.

Pardon, good Lord, all our sins and manifold infirmities, and grant our petitions, as far as may be good for us, and in accordance with Thy will, for Jesus' sake.
AMEN.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU eternal and ever-blessed Jehovah, who art the Most High over all the earth, and besides Thee there is none else; in the all-prevailing and precious name of Jesus, we again draw near to Thee, who alone canst hear and answer prayer. We desire, O Lord, to bless Thee for bringing us, sinful and unworthy creatures as we are, thus far on our earthly pilgrimage in peace and safety. Hitherto Thou, O Lord, hast indeed helped us, and Thy kind hand has been over us in the year that is now past. Manifold have been our mercies, and great our deliverances from dangers, both seen and unseen; we can truly say, that it is of "Thy mercy alone, O Lord, that we are not consumed,

and that because Thy compassions fail not." They are new every day, and great is Thy faithfulness. Our cup of blessings Thou hast made to run over, and our souls Thou hast indeed known in adversity.

Be pleased, blessed Lord, to continue to us our daily mercies, and grant us renewed tokens of Thy favour and love. Be with us, and all who are near and dear to us, during this year, or so much of it as may be appointed for us to sojourn here below. O that it may be a year of special blessings to our souls, that we may be solaced with Thy love, and cheered by Thy presence. May we be growing more and more out of self, and into Christ, even growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, ever more abide with us, according as Thou hast promised to Thy people, "Lo, I am with you always." Do Thou ever be with us, to own and

bless us, to counsel and direct us for good, and to shelter and protect us from all evil.

Blessed Lord, subdue our sins, dispel all our doubts, and work all our works in us, and for us. O for grace to purify our hearts, and regulate our lives, and enable us to shine as lights in the world, ever holding forth the word of life.

O Lord, grant us, day by day, the renewing of the Holy Ghost, that we may have the seeing eye and the understanding heart in all things. O that we may be faithful witnesses for Christ, taking up our cross daily, and following Thee, blessed Lord, who sought us when we were strangers, and wandering afar from Thee; but now, we trust, through Thy sovereign grace, are "made nigh by the blood of Christ;" and "may Thy love divine," which made us Thine, "keep us Thine for ever."

Blessed Lord, cause this year to be the year of redemption to many souls now

dead in trespasses and sins. O that it may be the set time to favour some whom we would especially bear before Thee. O grant them repentance towards Thee, O God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. O God, pardon all our sins and infirmities, for Jesus' sake. We ask all in Christ, and for Christ's sake. AMEN.

A PRAYER IN TIMES OF SICK- NESS AND PESTILENCE.

O most merciful and most gracious God, give ear, we beseech Thee, to our prayer, and at this time of sickness and mortality have compassion upon us, as a nation and people. Pardon, good Lord, our sins and iniquities, for they are great; and in Thy great mercy be pleased to withdraw Thy chastening hand from us, and say to the destroying sickness, "It is enough." O Lord, hear us in this day of trouble, and sanctify the visitation to us. Preserve us and all who are near and dear to us, both in the ties of nature and grace, from this pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from this destruction that wasteth at noonday. Send us, blessed Lord, help from the sanctuary, and strengthen us and all Thy people out of Zion.

Pour out, O Lord, the spirit of repentance and reformation on our country, on our sovereign, our rulers, our senators, and on our people, from the highest to the lowest. Cause all to humble themselves before Thee, "the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity."

Blessed Lord, be very gracious unto us, who are here before Thee ; enable us to put our whole trust and confidence in Thee alone, that we may know Thee as our refuge and strength, even a very present help in time of trouble.. Enable us to come boldly to Thy throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in this and every time of need. O Lord our God, pardon all our sins, and graciously grant our prayer, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SOVEREIGN THE QUEEN.

O THOU King of kings and Lord of lords, be gracious, we beseech Thee, unto our sovereign the Queen; give her wisdom from above to guide her counsels aright, and may her throne be established in righteousness. Teach her to know and feel that Thou, O Lord, alone rulest in the kingdoms of men, and that it is by Thee only that kings reign and princes decree justice. Show her Thy mercy and grace, O Lord, and grant her Thy salvation. Cause her to seek Thy glory and the good of Thy Church and people upon earth.

Do Thou command her strength in all times of need, and when earthly thrones and earthly kingdoms fade away, do Thou, if it please Thee, grant her a

throne in the world to come, and a crown of immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, now and evermore. AMEN.

OR,

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. AMEN.

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